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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor) at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Wednesday*, the Seventeenth Day of *January*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

WILLIAM WEST, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| JOHN SAYLES, Esq; | } Affiliants { | JOHN NORTHUP, Esq; |
| JONATHAN ARNOLD, Esq; | | ENOCH HAZARD, Esq; |
| RICHARD FRY, Esq; | | CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq; |

WILLIAM MUMFORD, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Rumrell, *Esq.*
 William Channing, *Esq.*
 William Taggart, *Esq.*
 Robert Elliott, *Esq.*
 John Topham, *Esq.*
 Mr. Job Easton.

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
 Charles Keene, *Esq.*
 Joseph Brown, *Esq.*
 Theodore Folter, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq.*
 Mr. David Giffard,
 Mr. William Anthony.

WARWICK :

Thomas Holden, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Joshua Babcock, *Esq.*
 Edward Saunders, *Esq.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Ezekiel Gardner, *Esq.*
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Benjamin Peckham, *Esq.*
 The Clerk.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq.*
 Rufus Spencer, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Weeden,
 Mr. William Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :

Elisha Mowry, *Esq.*
 Edward Thompson, *Esq.*

SCITUATE :

Christopher Potter, *Esq.*
 Mr. John Williams.

GLOUCESTER :

Daniel Owen, *Esq.*
 Mr. Enoch Whipple.

CHARLESTOWN :

Gideon Hoxsie, *Esq.*

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Gorton, *Esq.*
 Jonathan Comstock, *Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Mr. William Burlingame,
 Stephen Potter, *Esq.*

EXETER :

John Chapman, *Esq.*
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,
 George Irish, *Esq.*

BRISTOL :

Mr. Speaker.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Thomas Corey,
 Mr. Gilbert Devol.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

William Richmond, *Esq.*
 Mr. William Ladd.

WARREN :

John Child, *Esq.*
 Mr. Charles Collins.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq.*
 Nathaniel Shephardson, *Esq.*

RICHMOND :

Thomas Tafft, *Esq.*
 Richard Bailey, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

Richard Searle, *Esq.*
 Mr. Matthew Manchester.

HOPKINTON :

Edward Wells, *Esq.*
 Mr. Benjamin Maxson.

JOHNSTON :

Caleb Harris, *Esq.*
 Edward Fenner, *Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq.*
 John Jenckes, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Edward Bosworth, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas Allen.

Rowse J. HELME, Esquire, Clerk of the Lower House.

THE List of the Members attending the Lower House at this Session being lost, the preceding contains as exact an Account of them as can be obtained from the Files.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which was to have been held at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the County of *Kent*, on the Third Monday in *July* last, and also on the Third Monday in *January* instant, have both fallen through, by Reason of the Non-Attendance of a sufficient Number of Justices to constitute a Quorum; and of Course great Injustice will be done unless a fit Remedy be provided;

Inferior
Court *Kent*
County re-
vived.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said Court be revived; that it be holden at *East-Greenwich* aforesaid, on the last Monday in *January* instant: That all Business, whether of Civil or Criminal Nature, which was to have been heard at either of the Terms of the said Court which fell through as aforesaid, be then and there heard and determined: That all Recognizances which were returnable at either of the said Terms be continued, and returned on the Second Day of the Term of the said Court to be holden as aforesaid: That the Sheriff of the said County be, and he is hereby directed to warn all the Grand and Petit Jurors in the said County, who were drawn to serve at the last Term of the said Court, to attend at the present Term; and that they be liable to the same Fines for Non-Attendance as though said Court had been held at the usual Term.

IT is Ordered, That this Act be published in the next *Providence News-Papers*:

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Thousand Four Hundred and Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings, in Continental Money of the old Emissions, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Bennett Wheeler*; the same being in full for an Account by him exhibited for Printing divers Advertisements and Acts of this Assembly, from September 13, A. D. 1780, to January 6, A. D. 1781.

B. Wheeler
allowed
£. 1408 19s.

IT Voted and Resolved, That Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds, in Continental Money of the old Emissions, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Samuel Snow*; it being for One Month's Wages as Captain in Col. *Christopher Green's* Regiment from July 8, to August 8, A. D. 1780.

S. Snow al-
lowed £. 480.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Sixty-Two Pounds, in Continental Money of the old Emissions, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Joseph S. Taylor*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of *Hannah Dunn*, One of the Poor of the State, from the Thirteenth Day of December last to the Eighth Day of January instant.

J. S. Taylor
allowed
£. 162.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings, in Continental Bills of the old Emissions, be allowed and paid, out of the

E. Lawton
allowed
£. 19 10s.

the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Edward Lawton*; the same being the Amount of two Accounts by him presented, for the Maintenance of *Hannab Dunn*, One of the Poor of the State, from *June 30*, A. D. 1780, to *August 7* following.

J. Nightingale to make out an Abstract of the Men employed in the Boat Service in the late Alarm.

WHEREAS Numbers of Men, who were employed under Col. *Joseph Nightingale* during the Alarm in *August* last, are not contained in the Abstracts of the several Companies to which they belonged, whereby they are unable to draw the Money justly due to them for their Services: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Nightingale* make out an Abstract of all such as were employed by and under him in the said Service: That he forward the same to Col. *Archibald Crary*, and the others of the Committee at *East-Greenwich*, to be examined and certified: And that the said Committee examine and return the same to his Excellency the Governor, who is hereby requested to furnish the said *Joseph Nightingale* with a sufficient Number of Certificates, to be by him filled, signed and delivered to the several Persons mentioned in the said Abstract, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly passed at the last Session for paying off the Troops who did Duty in the said Alarm.

S. Ward's
Account.

WHEREAS the following State of an Account and Report were laid before this Assembly, *to wit*:

| State of <i>Rhode-Island, &c.</i> in Account with <i>Samuel Ward</i> , Dr. | | |
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| 1780. | To Cash paid Lieut. Col. <i>Cobb</i> , for Use of | } £. 19947 0 |
| <i>July 21.</i> | Col. <i>Angell's</i> Regiment, per Receipt, | |
| <i>Aug. 13.</i> | To Ditto paid to the Families of sundry Officers of Col. <i>Angell's</i> Regiment, per Receipt, | } 1845 0 |
| <i>Oct. 8.</i> | To Ditto paid Capt. <i>William Tew</i> , as per Receipt, | |
| | To Balance of the Order due to Col. <i>Angell's</i> Regiment, out of the Money arising from the Sale of the Wrecks assigned to the said Regiment, | } 39123 1 |
| | | |
| | | £. 80504 16 |
| Creditor. | | |
| 1780. | By Cash received of the General-Treasurer in <i>July</i> and <i>August</i> , | } £. 21792 0 |
| <i>Sept.</i> | By an Order on the General-Treasurer for | |
| | | 58712 16 |
| | | £. 80504 16 |
| Errors excepted, | | |
| | | S. WARD. |

EXAMINED the foregoing Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and find it right cast, and the Account balanced.

C. HARRIS.

WHICH

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings, in Continental Money of the old Emissions, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *John Parish*, Surgeon's Mate; it being the Balance reported to be due by the Auditor, upon his Account exhibited for Medicine and Refreshments provided for the Use of the Sick of Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment.

J. Parish allowed £. 9 14s.

WHEREAS *Mary Johnston*, Wife of *Richard Johnston*, late of *Newport*, Baker, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband is now, and has been for some Time past at *New-York*: That she is desirous to be with him, especially as he has requested it: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to permit her to go with her Family and Furniture to her said Husband, by the first Conveyance: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

M. Johnston permitted to go to *New-York*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Deputy-Commissary-General of Issues be and he is hereby directed, not to issue any Provisions except in the Town of *Providence*: That he dismiss all his Assistants: And that the Secretary furnish him with a Copy of this Resolve, as soon as may be.

D. C. G. I. not to issue any Provisions except in *Providence*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *John I. Clark*, *Joseph Brown* and *John Jenckes*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to direct the Commissary-General of Purchases within this State, to remove all the salted Provisions and Tallow, purchased for the Use of the Army, to the Town of *Providence*: That there they have the same weighed, and the Provisions repacked in proper Casks, and deposited in some convenient Place in the said Town: That the said Committee be and they are hereby empowered to direct what Officers or other Persons shall draw Provisions from the Commissary of Issues: And that they call on *Solomon Southwick*, Esq. *D. C. G. I.* for a Return of all the Provisions he has received of the Commissary-General of Purchases in this State, or any other Person on Account of this State, and to whom the said Provisions has been issued.

Committee to remove Provisions, Tallow, &c. to *Providence*.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Three Barrels of Beef and Three Barrels of Flour be left at *Newport*, in the Care of *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. to be issued to such Prisoners as may arrive there from Time to Time, and that he be accountable for the Expenditure thereof.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq. *D. Q. M. G.* in this State be and he is hereby directed, to take up suitable

Quarter-Master to

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take up Bar- ble and sufficient Barracks in the Town of *Providence*, for the new
racks for the Levies now raised and raising to fill up this State's Quota of the
Troops, &c. Continental Army: That he also take up a proper House to be
used as an Hospital for the Convalescents: And that *Jonathan Ar-*
nold, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed to superintend the said
Hospital, and to have the Care of such Convalescents as shall from
Time to Time be placed therein.

Allowance to the Commit- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to
tee appoint- number and sign the Continental Money on the Part of this State,
ed to sign the be allowed One-Fourth Part of One *per Centum* for the said Service,
new Conti- the Resolution of the Twenty-fourth Day of *July*, A. D. 1780,
nental Bills. notwithstanding.

Assembly at the next Ses- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will at the next
sion to assess Taxes for an annual Tax for Six Years successively, for the Purpose of sinking
sinking Con- the Continental Money to be issued by this State agreeable to an
tinental Mo- Act thereof.
ney.

Grant to Continental Officers. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Year's Interest be allowed
upon the Balances, due to the Continental Officers of this State,
to make good the Depreciation of their Pay.

Committee to enquire into the Con- *WHEREAS* Col. *Christopher Greene* and Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward*
duct of Cols. preferred a Memorial, and represented unto this Assembly, that
Greene and they have been highly censured by the Six Months Men, who were
Ward, annexed to their Regiment: That in Consequence thereof Reports
have been industriously circulated injurious to the recruiting Ser-
vice and to their Characters: And thereupon prayed this Assembly
to order an immediate Enquiry to be made into their Conduct as
Commanding-Officers of the First Regiment of this State, whilst the
said Six Month's Men were annexed to it: Which being duly con-
sidered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Jeremiah Whipple*,
Daniel Owen and *Elisha Mowry* be and they are hereby appointed
a Committee, to make Enquiry accordingly, and report the same
as soon as may be.

State of B. *WHEREAS* *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq. A. D. Q. M. G. presented
Bourne's Ac- unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, *to wit*:
count.

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| State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. in Account with <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , Dr. | | |
| 1780. | To Cash paid into the General-Treasury | £. 3000 0 |
| | To the Secretary's Certificate for | 2760 0 |
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| | | £. 5760 0 |

Creditor.

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| 1780. | } By Cash received of <i>Joseph Clark</i> , Esq. | } | £. 3000 0 |
| Dec. 2. | | | |
| | sembly, | | |

By

January, 1781.

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By an Order on the Treasury for £. 2760 }
which I have not received, 2760 0

£. 5760 0

Providence, January 12th, 1781.

Errors excepted,

BENJAMIN BOURNE.

WHICH being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be accepted, and that the same stand balanced.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer of this State pay into the Continental Loan-Office within this State, all the Continental Bills now in the Treasury, or which shall be hereafter received into his Office, in Payment of Continental or State Taxes assessed by this Assembly: And that he exchange the same for Bills of the new Emission now in the said Loan-Office, agreeably to the Acts of Congress, and of this Assembly.

Old Continental Bills in the Treasury to be paid into the Loan-Office,

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That, when the said Bills shall be numbered, signed and countersigned, agreeably to the said Acts, Four-Tenths thereof be paid into the said Loan-Office, to be at the Disposal of Congress; and the remaining Six-Tenths be paid into the General-Treasury of this State, to be at the Disposal of this Assembly: And that all Orders upon the said Treasury, either upon former or future Grants, for old Continental Bills, be paid in the said Bills of the new Emission, at the Exchange of Forty of the old Dollars for One of the new Emission.

and all Grants to be paid in new Bills.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to adjust the General-Treasurer's Accounts, receive of him as Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office, the Interest due on the Loan-Office Certificates in the Treasury of this State: That they lodge the Money received for the said Interest in the General-Treasury, and take the General-Treasurer's Receipt therefor: That the said Committee also receive of the General-Treasurer the Money emitted in June, A. D. 1780, and the Four per Cent. Notes, now in his Office: That they take a regular Account of, and burn the same; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly at the next Session.

Directions to the Committee for settling the General-Treasurer's Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to ascertain the Depreciation on the Wages due to the Officers and Soldiers of the State's Battallions, proceed to adjust Col. Henry Sherburne's Accounts; and that they do not charge him any Depreciation on the Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Pounds, Balance due from him on Account of Money received for recruiting, which said Balance he paid into the General-Treasury in June, A. D. 1779.

Committee to settle Col. H. Sherburne's Accounts.

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Officers, and such non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers only of the said Regiment as are engaged during the War, be and they are hereby empowered to receive their Proportion of *Six Thousand Pounds*, with Cols. *Greene's* and *Angell's* Regiments, that is assessed and collecting for the Purpose of paying a Part of the Depretiation due to the said Regiments; and that the Committee appointed to set off Lands for the Remainder of the Balances due to Cols. *Greene's* and *Angell's* Regiments set off Lands to the said *Henry Sherburne*, his Officers and Men engaged as aforesaid, for their remaining Balances.

Report of
the Com-
mittee for
Depretia-
tion accept-
ed.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to ascertain the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Service, belonging to this State, on Account of the Depretiation of their Wages, have reported a Balance of *Twenty two Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, in Specie, due to the commissioned and non-commissioned Officers and Privates of Colonels *Christopher Greene's* and *Israel Angell's* Regiments, who are engaged during the War, on Account of the Depretiation of their Wages, up to the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780: And the said Report being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the Balance due to each Man respectively be allowed.

D. Box al-
lowed £. 396
14s. 6d.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to ascertain the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Service belonging to this State, on Account of the Depretiation of their Pay, have reported a Balance of *Three Hundred and Ninety-Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, due to *Daniel Box*, Esq. on Account of Depretiation as aforesaid, up to the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance be allowed.

Lands to be
assigned to
D. Box.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to set off Lands to the Troops of this State, for the Depretiation of their Wages, be and they are hereby directed to value and set off a House, or Houses, and Land, for the Balance due to *Daniel Box*, Esq. on Account of Depretiation as aforesaid, and that he be no longer allowed Depretiation on his Wages by this State: *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due as aforesaid be charged to the United States: And that upon the said *Daniel Box's* receiving Possession of the Lands and Buildings, to be set off to him as aforesaid, he shall give to the said Committee on Behalf of this State a Receipt for the said Balance, empowering this State to receive to their Use, whatever Sum the Congress of the United States may allow to him, as an Officer in their Service, on Account of the Depretiation of his Wages up to the First Day of *August* last; which Receipt the said Committee shall lodge with the Accounts in the Secretary's Office, to enable the State to obtain it.

IT

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq. Agent-Clothier, be and he is hereby empowered to draw, out of the General-Treasury, *Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Continental Dollars*, of the new Emission, to purchase Cloathing for this State's Troops.

J. Reynolds
to draw
12500 Dol-
lars.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive of the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Middletown*, in Part of that Town's Quota of Taxes, a Certificate given by *Robert Croke*, A. D. Q. M. G. in Favour of Mr. *Giles Sanford*, dated *Newport, November 5, A. D. 1780*, purporting, that the United States were indebted to the said *Giles Sanford* *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Dollars*, in Continental Money of the old Emissions.

Allowance
in Part of
the Taxes of
Middletown.

WHEREAS by the Declaration of Messrs. *John Fitton, John Thurston, Jeremiah F. Jenkins, Samuel Young* and *Joseph Parker*, before the Justices of the Superior Court, there appears to be considerable Sums of Money due from them to *George Howell*; and whereas from the treasonable Practices of the said *George Howell* his Goods Chattels and Estate are forfeited to the Use of this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be and he is hereby directed, to call upon the said Persons, and receive of them the Sums respectively due from them as aforesaid, and pay the same, together with the Money now in his Hands, late belonging to the said *George Howell*, into the General-Treasury.

The Cre-
ditors of *G.*
Howell to
pay their
Balances
immediate-
ly.

AND whereas it is suggested, that some of the said Persons have given their Promissory Notes to the said *George Howell* for the Sums due from them as aforesaid, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Persons be and they are hereby discharged from the Payment of the said Notes; and that this State will indemnify them from the same: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That if any of the said Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay to the said Sheriff the Sums acknowledged by them to be due as aforesaid, on or before the First Day of *February* next, the said Sheriff be and he is hereby directed, to attach so much of the personal Estate of the Person who shall so neglect or refuse as will satisfy the Sum due as aforesaid: That he dispose of the same in the same Manner as is directed by Law in Case of Attachment of personal Estate upon Execution: And that he make Report of his Proceedings in Pursuance of this Resolution to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS the Minister of his Most Christian Majesty hath informed Congress, that many Inconveniences result from the Abuse the *British* make of Papers or Clearances they take in *American* Prizes: For Prevention whereof in future, and in Pursuance of a Resolution of Congress, *Be it enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Governor of this State for the Time being,

Captains of
Privateers to
be described
on the Back
of their
Commis-
sions, &c.

cause to be inserted on the Back of the Commissions which shall be granted by him for private Vessels of War, a minute Description of the Captain and their Lieutenants, with their Age, Stature, Complexion, Places of Nativity and of Residence respectively: And that he certify the same under the Seal of the State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when Commissions, commonly called Letters of Marque and Reprisals, are granted to armed Vessels going on mercantile Voyages, the Intendant of Trade within this State, who shall grant a Clearance for any such Vessel, cause the Master and Chief-Mate thereof to undersign the same in his Presence: And that he insert on the Back of such Clearance a minute Description of the Persons of the said Master and his Mate, with their Age, Stature, Complexion, Places of Nativity and of Residence, and certify the same under his Signature and Seal of Office.

RESOLVED, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a Copy hereof to Congress, and to the Commanding Officer of the French Fleet in America.

I. Angell to draw £. 30.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Israel Angell be and he is hereby empowered, to draw Thirty Pounds, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, to defray his Expences to and from Camp; and that he account for the same.

Depretiation to be paid Col. Sherburne's Regiment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to ascertain the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Battalions, on Account of the Depretiation of their Wages, report the Balances due to such Officers and Soldiers of Col. Henry Sherburne's Regiment as have enlisted during the War, to the General-Treasurer of this State, and to the Committee appointed to set off Lands to the said Officers and Soldiers on Account of Depretiation as aforesaid: That the General-Treasurer, upon receiving the said Report, pay the said Henry Sherburne, his said Officers and Soldiers, their Proportion with Colonels Greene's and Angell's Regiments of Six Thousand Pounds in Specie; and that the said Committee for setting off Lands, upon such Report's being made to them proceed to set off Lands to the said Henry Sherburne, his Officers and Men, as aforesaid.

J. Northup allowed £. 29 11s 4d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to John Northup, Esq. the same being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services and Expences as One of the Committee for settling the Depretiation of the Wages of this State's Continental Battalions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Four Pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Esek Hopkins*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Expences, &c. as One of the Committee for settling the Depretiation of the Wages of this State's Continental Battalions.

E. Hopkins
allowed
£. 31 6s 4d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Esek Hopkins*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for examining into the Deficiency of the Articles belonging to the *Pigot Galley*.

E. Hopkins
allowed £. 3
4s 8d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-three Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. William Mumford*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Service in assisting the Committee appointed to settle the Depretiation of the Wages of this State's Continental Battalions.

W. Mumford
allowed
£. 23 9s 9d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him charged against the State, for his Services as One of the Committee, for adjusting the Depretiation of the Wages of this State's Continental Battalions.

B. Bourne
allowed £. 3
4s 8.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seventeen Pounds Eight Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Daniel Branch*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance as a Waiter, on the Committee for settling the Depretiation of the Wages of this State's Continental Battalions.

D. Branch
allowed
£. 17 8s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and Seven Pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Joseph Nightingale*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for examining into the Deficiency of the Articles belonging to the *Pigot Galley*.

J. Nightingale
allowed
£. 3 4s 7d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Five Pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasurer, to *Col. Israel Angell* and *Capt. William Tew*; the same being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for their Expences in coming from Head-Quarters to *Providence*, as a Committee to settle the Accounts of the Regiment with the State.

I. Angell and W. Tew
allowed £. 7
3s 5d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of

N. Merrill
allowed £. 3
15s.

of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Nathan Merrill*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Boarding and Nursing a sick Soldier in the Six Months Service.

Time
lengthened
for paying in
the last Taxes.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, That several Towns, within this State, have neglected to assess the Silver and Continental Money Taxes, ordered to be assessed by an Act of this Assembly passed at *November Session, A. D. 1780*, at the Time directed by the said Act: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That said delinquent Towns be, and they are hereby ordered and directed to assess the said Taxes, on or before the Fifth Day of *February* next: That they collect and pay the Silver Money Tax into the General-Treasury on or before the Twentieth Day of said *February*: And that they collect and pay into the General-Treasury Three-Fourths of the Tax for Continental Money, on or before the First Day of *March* next, and the remaining Fourth on or before the First Day of *April* next.

J. Fenckes to
discharge a
Note he gave
to *G. Howell*
in Cheefe.

WHEREAS *John Fenckes, Esq.* did make and execute to *George Howell*, in *October* last, his promissory negotiable Note for *Two Hundred Silver Dollars*, with Interest, and afterwards did enter into an Agreement with the said *George Howell* for Three Thousand Weight of Cheefe, to be delivered by him the said *John Fenckes* to the said *George Howell*, and for which he was to receive *Nine Pence*, lawful Money, per Pound; the one Half to be paid in Silver and the other Half in Bills of the new Emission; which Cheefe is now ready to be delivered: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Fenckes* be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* so much of the Cheefe as will be equal in Value at the Price aforesaid to the Amount of the said Note: That thereupon this State will indemnify him from the Payment of the said Note, or any Part thereof: That the said Sheriff make Sale of the said Cheefe, either at *Newport* or *Providence*, to the best Advantage of the State, for Gold or Silver, and pay the same into the General-Treasury before the First Day of *February* next; and that he render an Account thereof to this Assembly at the next Session.

Act provid-
ing for the
Poor of
Newport re-
pealed.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the Session held in *December, A. D. 1776*, passed an Act, that such of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport, &c.* as were removed into other Towns and became chargeable, should be supported in such Towns at the State's Expence: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Committee
to draught
Bills for
compelling
Towns to
pay Taxes,
&c.

WHEREAS the Safety and Happiness of this State much depends on the due Execution and Observance of the Laws; and whereas certain Towns within this State have, without properly adverting to the Consequences of such Proceedings, in some Instances neglected to assess the Taxes apportioned to the several Towns by this Assembly,

bly, and in others have deviated in many Respects in the Assessment of the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Jonathan Arnold, Welcome Arnold, Joseph Brown, Theodore Foster and Henry Ward*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught a Bill annexing such further Penalties for Delinquency in assessing or collecting the Taxes which may be hereafter assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, by this Assembly, as may compel a due Observance thereof; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee draught a Bill, and report the same at the next Session prescribing an Oath of Fidelity, Allegiance and Abjuration to be subscribed by the Officers, and such others of the Inhabitants of this State, as shall be therein described.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *John Wiefs*, *J. Wiefs's* Drum-Major of this State's Continental Troops, praying that he may receive the same Allowance for the Depretiation of his Wages as was made to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Troops, for the Time he continued in Service in this State's Troops be granted; and that the Committee heretofore appointed to adjust the Depretiation of the Wages of the said Troops settle the same, and make Report as soon as may be. Petition granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *John Jenckes*, Esq; it being the Balance due upon an Account, by him exhibited, for attending the Survey and Sale of the State's Farms, &c. *J. Jenckes* allowed £. 27 5s 3d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Thomas Holden*, Esq. the same being the Balance due upon an Account by him presented, for his Time, Expences, &c. as One of the Committee for selling the State's Farms. *T. Holden* allowed £. 36 13s 7d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Col. Israel Angell* be and he is hereby empowered, to draw out of the General-Treasury, *One Hundred and Twenty Dollars*, in Specie, of the Money arising from the Sale of the Cheese ordered to be sold at the present Session: That he transmit the same to Lieut. *Henry Shearman*, late of *Col. Sherburne's* Regiment, now a Prisoner in *New-York*: And that it be charged to the said *Henry Shearman*, on Account of the Depretiation of his Wages. *Col. I. Angell* to receive and transmit 120 Dollars to Lieut. *Shearman*, a Prisoner in *New-York*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to set off Lands to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalions, on Account of the Depretiation of their Wages, be and they House and Lot late *G. Deblois's* to be set off to

the Officers
of Col. I.
Angell's Re-
giment, in
Case.

they are hereby directed to appraise and set off to the Commissioned Officers of Col. *Israel Angell's* Regiment, the House and Lot of Land in the Town of *Providence*, belonging to *Gilbert Deblois*, an Absentee, against which Information is made by the Attorney-General; provided the same shall be confiscated to and for the Use of this State.

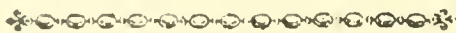
Establish-
ment of the
Hospital,
&c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Wages and Rations be allowed the respective Officers, and others, after-mentioned, belonging to the Military Medical Department in this State, when called into actual Duty, *to wit*:

| | Dollars of the new Emission. | Rations |
|---|------------------------------|---------|
| The Director and Purveyor-General, <i>5 per Day</i> | 5 | 6 |
| The Surgeon and Physician-General, $4\frac{2}{3}$ | $4\frac{2}{3}$ | 5 |
| Hospital Surgeons, each, | 4 | 3 |
| Surgeon's Mates, each, | $1\frac{5}{8}$ | 2 |
| Apothecary's Mates, each, | $1\frac{1}{8}$ | 2 |
| Hospital-Commissary, | 2 | 2 |
| Steward, | 1 | 2 |
| Ward-Master, | $\frac{3}{4}$ | 1 |
| Matron, | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 |

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Nurfes, Tenders, and all others doing Duty in the Hospital, and under the Orders of the Director and Purveyor-General, shall draw the same Pay and Rations each, as are allowed and paid the private Soldiers of the several Regiments of Militia of this State; except in Cases of extraordinary Duty and Attention, when the Director-General may add for their Encouragement to their daily Wages and Rations as he shall judge just and right, not exceeding *Six Pence*, in Money, and Half a Ration *per Day*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Director of the Military Hospital make out an Abstract of all Persons employed in his Department in the Alarm in *August* last, and deliver the same to the Committee appointed to examine the Abstracts: That upon the said Abstract's being certified by the said Committee, his Excellency the Governor be requested to deliver to the said Director a sufficient Number of Certificates for paying off the same; and that the Collectors of Taxes be and they are hereby directed, to receive the said Certificates in Payment of Taxes, in the same Manner as is directed by an Act of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, for paying off the Troops who did Duty in the said Alarm.



An ACT in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, passed at the last Session of this Assembly, for filling up and compleating this State's Quota of the Continental Army.

WHEREAS in an Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly, for filling up the Continental Battalion, raised by this State, the Powers of the Committees of the several Towns are not explicitly declared, whereby Mistakes may arise, and the Purposes of the said Act in a Degree defeated :

Additional
Act for raising the Continental
Troops.

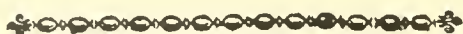
BE it therefore Enacted and Declared by this General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the said Committees are in and by the said Act empowered, to inlist for, or detach from, the Classes made up of Delinquents in the late Alarm at their Discretion; and to assess the Individuals in such Class, and the Individuals and Estates contained in the Lists of other Classes in such Sums as their respective Recruits shall cost for their Bounties, and the necessary Expences in procuring them, or what each Person detached is to receive, as they shall think just and right; and deliver such Assessment to the Collector of Taxes for such Town, with their Warrant annexed thereto, directing him to levy and collect the same within Ten Days from the Receipt thereof, and pay the Money when collected, to such Person in each Class as they in their Warrant shall direct, for the Payment of the said Bounties and Expences: That the said Collectors of Taxes for the respective Towns for the Time being, be and they are hereby required and empowered, on Receipt of the said Lists, to collect from the Persons and Estates of the several Persons therein contained the several Sums set against their respective Names; and in Case of their Refusal or Neglect to pay the same, to proceed as the Law directs for collecting of Taxes, and when collected to pay the same as aforesaid: And that the said Collectors for their Services therein may charge the same Fees as the Law allows in collecting Town and State Taxes, which they are hereby empowered to collect from the Individuals from whom they collect the said Assessment; any Thing in the said Act which may be construed to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Collector in any Town in this State shall refuse or neglect to collect the Money specified in the Warrant aforesaid, within the Time therein mentioned, and pay the same to the Person therein directed, such Collector shall be liable to the same Penalty as the Committee for classing are, for neglect of their Duty as specified in the Act aforesaid.

AND whereas it may happen that some of the Towns have not classed nor detached their Men within the Time limited in and by the said Act: *Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That*

That the Time for classing the said Men be lengthened to the Twenty-sixth Instant, and the Time for detaching the said Men be lengthened to the First Day of *February* next; and that the Committee which shall be delinquent in detaching the Men in their several Classes on or before the First Day of *February* next, shall be liable to the same Penalty as in and by the said Act they were liable to heretofore; any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

ORDERED, That the Secretary immediately transmit printed Copies hereof to the Town-Clerks of the several Towns within this State.



General-Treasurer to pay Silver to Col. *I. Angell* for the Use of his Regiment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Col. *Israel Angell*, all the Money he shall receive of the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, on Account of Debts due to *George Howell*; as also all the Silver or Gold now in the General-Treasury, or which shall be in the said Treasury on the First Day of *February* next, to the Amount of the Proportion of the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of his Regiment of the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds*, heretofore ordered to be paid to such Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalions as were engaged during the War: And that the said *Israel Angell* pay the same to the said Non-commissioned Officers and Privates in their Proportions respectively.

W. Greene allowed £. 6 17s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to his Excellency *William Greene, Esq.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Expence of an Express to carry Abstracts, Certificates, &c. to the Commanding-Officers of the Militia, &c.

J. Manchester and S. Tarbox permitted to subscribe the Test. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Manchester* and *Spink Tarbox* be and they are hereby permitted to subscribe the Test, agreeably to the Request of *Stephen Potter, Esq.* he having assured this Assembly that they are Friends to the United States.

Certain Persons in *Newport* excluded from electing or being elected. **WHEREAS** the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport* were by an Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in *October, A. D. 1779*, empowered to incorporate themselves, and in the said Act all Persons of a certain Description, *to wit*: those who had signed the Association, or taken an active Part with the Enemy, should be excluded from electing or being elected to any Office in the said Town, or of voting or acting in Town-Meeting; and that the Town Meeting exclude such Persons accordingly: And whereas the Term Town-Meeting is construed by some to mean only the Meeting had in Pursuance to said Act: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*,

Resolved, That the Persons described as aforesaid, as well as those who have not signed the Test, be and they are hereby excluded from electing or being elected to any Office within the said Town; or of voting or acting in any Town-Meeting in the said Town hereafter; and that the Town-Meetings exclude such Persons accordingly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to deliver to the Committee appointed to number and sign the new Continental Bills to be issued by this State, or either Two of them, the said Bills; that after they shall be numbered, signed and delivered to him by the said Committee, he deliver the said Bills to the Committee appointed by Congress to counter-sign the same on the Part of the United States; and upon the same being done by the Committee appointed on the Part of this State, that they be allowed to draw their Fees for the said Service out of the General-Treasury.

Resolve about signing the new Bills.

WHEREAS *Christopher Crandal*, Serjeant in Col. *Greene's* Regiment, preferred a Petition and represented to this Assembly, That in the Year 1778 he was taken Prisoner, and has been but lately exchanged: That he received neither Cloathing or Refreshments during his Captivity, and only a small Part of his nominal Wages since his Exchange: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him the Cloathing due to him; and such a Sum of Money as the other Serjeants have received: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Agent-Clothier be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the said *Christopher Crandal* the Cloathing due to him: That he be allowed and paid *Fifteen Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury: and that the same be charged to his Depretiation-Account.

C. Crandal allowed £. 15. 00.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Charles Holden*, Esq. Commissary of Purchases in this State, be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Mr. *Nicholas Mathewson*, One Thousand and Eighty Pounds of Raw Hides; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for Seven Pair of Boots and One Pair of Shoes, furnished for the Officers of Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment; and that if the said Boots and Shoes are not accounted for by the said Officers, they be charged against the Balance due to them respectively on Account of Depretiation.

N. Mathewson allowed 1080 lb. of Hides.

It is Voted Resolved, That Messrs. *Stephen Potter* and *Thomas Gorton* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle and determine the Claim of the Town of *East-Greenwich* to *Joseph N. Remington*, insisted in the Town of *Warwick*, for the Class of which *James Arnold*, Esq. is Head: That the Party failing to make good its Claim pay the Expence thereof; and that if the same shall be determined in Favour of the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, the said Town shall repay to the said *James Arnold*, as Head of the said

Committee to determine the Claim of E. Greenwich to a Recruit insisted by Warwick.

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Class, the extra Bounty that was paid the said Recruit, with the Expence of recruiting him, to be ascertained by the said Committee.

M. Robinson
committed
to Goal.

WHEREAS this Assembly hath received Information, that *Matthew Robinson*, Esq. of *South-Kingstown*, hath, in his Conduct and Conversation, publicly manifested Principles inimical and dangerous to the Liberty and Independence of the United States of *America*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Matthew Robinson* be taken into Custody by the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, and committed to the Gaol in the said County; and be there confined until the further Orders of this Assembly.

R. Sprague
allowed £. 3.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Rufus Sprague*, a Deputy-Sheriff; it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for warning the Members in several Towns in the County of *Providence* to attend this Assembly.

Taxes of the
Absentees
Estates in
Newport to
be taken out
of the
Town's Pro-
portion.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to deduct *Four Hundred and Seventy Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, lawful Money, out of the State Taxes assessed upon the Town of *Newport*; the same being the Amount of Taxes assessed upon the Estates of divers Absentees in the said Town.

J. Reynolds
to draw
£. 200.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq. Agent-Clothier in this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Hundred Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same.

B. Hunt al-
lowed £. 25
17s 3d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Benoni Hunt*, a wounded Soldier; the same being in full Satisfaction for One-Fourth Part of the Money due to him, on Account of the Depreciation of his Wages.

G. Olney al-
lowed
£. 12 14s 1d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Penny*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr *George Olney*; it being the Balance due upon an Account by him exhibited, for his Services and Expences in drawing off the Continental Account, &c. from *November 10, A. D. 1780*, to *January 6, A. D. 1781*.

P. Pearce al-
lowed £. 8
8s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds Eight Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Preserved Pearce*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Kent*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for repairing the Windows of the State-House in the County of *Kent*,

Kent, carrying the Acts of this Assembly to the several Towns in the said County, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Richard Fry* and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby directed, to deliver to the Issuing-Commissary within this State, for the Use of the new Levies, the Corn which they have received, or shall receive, belonging to the State; and that the said *Richard Fry* sell the Cheefe and Wool in his Possession, received on Account of the Rents of the State's Farms, to the best Advantage, and pay the Money arising from the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury.

Corn to be delivered to the Commissary, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if any Town, or Class in any Town, shall pay any Person, late in the Three Years Service, the Balance due to him or them, on Account of Depretiation on his or their Pay, on his or their re-enlisting into the Service for Three Years, or during the War; such Town, or Class, shall be repaid the same, in the same Manner the other Three Years Men are paid, with Interest thereon, from the Time they pay such Balance or Balances until paid.

Towns paying Depretiation to new Recruits to be repaid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Rufus Spencer*, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Fifth Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Job Pearce*, Esq. who declines serving.

R. Spencer a Justice Inferior Court *Kent*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if the Balance due from the Persons who purchased the Wrecks in the Harbour of *Newport*, be not paid into the General-Treasury by the Time *Col. Israel Angell* is ready to go forward to Camp, and which he has an Order to receive; that he be and hereby is empowered, to draw the Deficiency thereof in equal Value, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury.

Col. Angell to receive the Balance due from the Purchasers of Wrecks.

WHEREAS divers Actions, heretofore commenced in the several Courts in this State, have been continued; and during the Time the said Actions have been pending, the common Currency, in which Damages are to be recovered, hath so much depreiated, that the Sums of the Damages laid in the Plaintiff's Writ and Declaration are not adequate to the real Damages sustained: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That the Courts, Juries, Arbitrators, &c. in such Cases, assess Damages as to them shall appear just and equitable, although the same may be more than what is laid in the Plaintiff's Writ and Declaration.

Judgment to be made up for more Damages than laid in the Writ.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to pay and satisfy the Grants made at the present Session to *John Reynolds*, Esq. for the Purpose of purchasing Cloathing, to *Col. Israel Angell*, and to *Stephen Mumford*, Esq. with the first Money which shall be signed: And that the other Grants made

General-Treasurer to pay the Orders for providing Beef and Cloathing, &c. before any others.

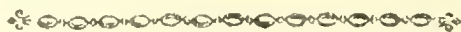
made at the present Session be not paid until the Grants aforesaid be satisfied.

T. Rumrell
allowed £. 5
1s 9d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds One Shilling and Nine Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Thomas Rumrell, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Paper furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House.*

T. Spencer
allowed £. 4
1s 11d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds One Shilling and Eleven Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. Thomas Spencer, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

A. Greene al-
lowed £. 3. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. Abraham Greene, for his Attendance as a Waiter, on this Assembly, at the present Session.*

W. Mumford
allowed £. 6
5s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Five Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to William Mumford, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Attendance, &c. on this Assembly at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary.*



An A C T for proportioning to the several Towns in this State, and collecting fresh Beef for supplying the Army of the United States.

Apportion-
ment of Beef.

WHEREAS the General Congress of the United States of America, by a Resolution passed the Fourth of November last, apportioned Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Weight of fresh Beef, to be furnished by this State, as their Quota of the Supply of that Article for the Year 1781: And this Assembly hath received a Letter from the Commissary-General of Purchases, urging the Necessity of Part of said Beef being immediately forwarded for the Use of the Army; whose Existence depends on Supplies being regularly and punctually furnished, and without which it is impossible to support the War in which we are engaged.

IT therefore Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns in this State be required to pay and deliver to Stephen Mumford, Esq. on or before the Seventh Day of February next, the Sums of Money in Silver or Gold herein respectively apportioned to them, to be

be appropriated for purchasing Part of the aforesaid Quota of fresh Beef, viz.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|----|---|-------------------|---------|----|---|
| Newport | £. 61 | 0 | 0 | North-Kingstown | £. 55 | 8 | 0 |
| Portsmouth | 10 | 0 | 0 | South-Kingstown | 125 | 1 | 0 |
| Jamestown | 4 | 0 | 0 | Charlestown | 32 | 7 | 0 |
| Middletown | 7 | 0 | 0 | Richmond | 28 | 12 | 0 |
| Tiverton | 45 | 0 | 0 | Exeter | 41 | 14 | 0 |
| Little-Compton | 36 | 0 | 0 | Hopkinton | 34 | 13 | 0 |
| County of Newport | £. 163 | 0 | 0 | King's County | £. 357 | 0 | 0 |
| Providence | 92 | 10 | 0 | Bristol | 25 | 17 | 0 |
| Smithfield | 84 | 0 | 0 | Warren | 15 | 13 | 0 |
| Scituate | 76 | 10 | 0 | Barrington | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Gloucester | 67 | 10 | 0 | County of Bristol | £. 53 | 10 | 0 |
| Cumberland | 37 | 0 | 0 | Warwick | 71 | 0 | 0 |
| Cranston | 50 | 5 | 0 | East-Greenwich | 32 | 4 | 0 |
| Johnston | 25 | 15 | 0 | West-Greenwich | 30 | 8 | 0 |
| North-Providence | 18 | 8 | 0 | Coventry | 41 | 0 | 0 |
| County of Provid. | £. 451 | 18 | 0 | County of Kent | £. 174 | 12 | 0 |
| Westerly | 39 | 5 | 0 | Total | £. 1200 | 0 | 0 |

PROVIDED nevertheless, That any of the aforesaid Towns shall have Permission, in Lieu of the Money apportioned as aforesaid, to deliver at their own Expence, good merchantable Ox Beef which shall be fit for Slaughter, which Beef shall be delivered at the Dwelling-House of *Israel Bowen*, Esq. in *Coventry*, on the Seventh Day of *February* next; for which there shall be allowed *Forty Shillings*, like Money, as aforesaid, for the best of Beef by the Hundred Weight, and for other Beef a Price in Proportion to the Goodness; none to be delivered which shall be of a less Value than *Thirty-six Shillings per Hundred*, of the like Money.

AND as it is necessary that the said Beef be forwarded on the Hoof to the Army, in order to prevent any Imposition on the State, of Beef which shall not be good, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. John Demount*, of *Providence*, be and he is hereby appointed to attend at *Coventry* on the Day aforesaid, to view all the Cattle that shall be delivered as aforesaid; and that he estimate and judge the Weight and Value of each of the said Cattle, particularly specifying in a Book for this Purpose the natural or artificial Marks, the Weight, the Price, the Persons and Towns from whom received, and when delivered, and report the same to this Assembly at their next Session.

AND that unnecessary Expence and Trouble may be prevented in sending forward Cattle which shall not be fit to kill as Beef, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be appointed in their respective Towns to view the Cattle previous to their being sent to *Coventry* as aforesaid, and that none be sent for-

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ward

ward without the Approbation in Writing of the Person appointed by this Act to view the said Cattle in his Town; who is hereby directed to give Permission for no Cattle to go forward but such as shall be good merchantable Ox Beef as aforesaid, viz.

Newport, Mr. Robert Taylor.
Portsmouth, Mr. Robert Fisk.
Providence, Mr. Welcome Arnold.
Warwick, Mr. Charles Holden.
Westerly, Mr. Joseph Noyes.
North-Kingstown, Mr. Peter Phillips.
South-Kingstown, Mr. Thomas Potter.
East-Greenwich, Mr. Stephen Mumford.
Jamestown, Mr. John Weeden.
Smithfield, Mr. Andrew Waterman.
Scituate, Mr. Peter Cook.
Gloucester, Mr. Solomon Owen.
Charlestown, Mr. Gideon Hoxsie.
West Greenwich, Mr. Jonathan Comstock.
Coventry, Mr. Stephen Potter.
Exeter, Mr. John Chapman.
Middletown, Mr. Joshua Barker.
Bristol, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne, jun.
Tiverton, Mr. Gilbert Devol.
Little Compton, Mr. Philip Taylor.
Warren, Mr. John Child.
Cumberland, Mr. Jeremiah Whipple.
Richmond, Mr. George Webb.
Cranston, Mr. Matthew Manchester.
Hopkinton, Mr. Jesse Maxson.
Johnston, Mr. Joseph Waterman.
North-Providence, Mr. John Jenckes.
Barrington, Mr. Thomas Allen.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Stephen Mumford, be and he is hereby appointed to take the Charge of all the said Cattle which shall be delivered as aforesaid; that for this Purpose he proceed to Coventry on the aforesaid Day; and that he drive the Cattle he shall there receive, to such Place as the Commissary-General shall direct, and deliver the same to his Order, taking a Receipt for the same, as Part of the Quota of Beef assigned this State, and receiving of the said Commissary-General the Expences which shall accrue for driving and Forage after he shall have left this State.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Stephen Mumford purchase with the Money he shall receive as aforesaid, in this or either of the neighbouring States, and upon the best Terms, Beef upon the Foot to the Amount thereof in Value, and deliver and take

take a Receipt for the same, and receive the Expences of driving and Forage in Manner as is before directed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *Stephen Mumford* make and deliver to the Persons of whom he shall receive either Cattle or Money as aforesaid, Certificates of the Amount in Value of the Cattle which he shall so receive as estimated by the said *John Demount*, and of the Sum or Sums of Money which he shall receive, and of the Persons and Towns of whom the same shall be received : That the said Certificates shall discharge so much as is therein expressed of the next State-Tax which shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State for Gold or Silver ; and that the General-Treasurer receive the same accordingly.

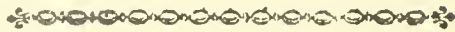
AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That in Case any Town shall neglect to pay the Money, or Beef Cattle, in Lieu thereof, apportioned thereto as aforesaid, such delinquent Town shall forfeit and pay into the General-Treasury for the Use of this State double the Sum in which they shall be deficient ; to be collected by adding the same to the next succeeding State-Tax which shall be assessed upon such Town.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *Stephen Mumford* keep a fair Account of the Money which shall be received by him as aforesaid, and of the Expenditure thereof, and Vouchers for the same, and report the same with his other Proceedings in Pursuance hereof to this Assembly.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Town shall deliver at the Time and Place before assigned to the said *Stephen Mumford* any greater Quantity of Beef, or Sum of Money than is assigned them by this Act, such Town shall be credited for such Quantity of Beef as they shall so deliver over their present Proportion, or for so much Beef as the Monies paid over their said Proportion shall amount to, reckoning at an Average Price, what the Beef delivered as aforesaid shall cost, and have the same deducted from the next Proportion of Beef assigned to such Town to complete the Quota of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Weight, to be furnished by this State ; or such Town shall have the Amount of what the Beef so delivered or accounted shall be worth at the Time any future Proportions of said Quota shall be purchased, deducted from any Monies ordered to be issued or Taxes assessed for procuring and purchasing the same.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary within Four Days after the Rising of this Assembly, transmit a Copy hereof by Express to the several Town-Clerks within this State ; who upon the Receipt thereof are directed immediately to convene their respective Towns, that they may be enabled seasonably to adopt the necessary Measures for carrying these Resolutions into Execution

Execution within the Time aforesaid, agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.



Committee *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to
for selling
forfeited Es-
tates to dis-
pose of the
same and
give Credit. sell the Lands that were funded for the Redemption of this State's
Money, and the Certificates issued by the Commissary of Pur-
chases, be and they are hereby directed to dispose of the said Lands
on the best Terms they can, between this and the next Session of this
Assembly; provided any Persons appear to give near the Value of
the same: And that they give a Credit at their Discretion, and make
Report thereof at the next Session.

S. Mumford *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Stephen Mumford, Esq.* be and
to give Se-
curity to the
General-
Treasurer. he is hereby directed, to give Security to the General-Treasurer,
with sufficient Surety, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Four Hundred*
Pounds, in Specie, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed
in him, in receiving Money from the several Towns, for purchasing
and receiving Beef for the Use of this State.

**Adjourn-
ment.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this
Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred, to the
next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now
made and passed, by Beat of Drum, within Ten Days from the Ris-
ing of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to
the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be
transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties:
And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth
Monday in Februrary next, then to convene at the State-House in
South Kingstown.

GOD save the United States of *AMERICA*

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Lee

February, 1781.

I

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden (by Adjournment) at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

WILLIAM WEST, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| <i>JOHN INNIS CLARK</i> , Esq; | } | Assistants. |
| <i>THOMAS WELLS</i> , Esq; | | |
| <i>JOHN SAYLES</i> , Esq; | | |
| <i>JONATHAN ARNOLD</i> , Esq; | | |
| <i>JOHN NORTHUP</i> , Esq; | | |
| <i>ENOCH HASZARD</i> , Esq; | | |
| <i>CHRISTOPHER ELLERY</i> , Esq; | | |

WILLIAM MUMFORD, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :
 Thomas Rumreill, *Esq*;
 William Channing, *Esq*;
 William Taggart, *Esq*;
 Robert Elliott, *Esq*;
 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Job Easton.

PROVIDENCE :
 Theodore Foster, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :
 Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;
 Mr. David Giffard,
 Mr. William Anthony.

WARWICK :
 Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :
 Edward Saunders, *Esq*;

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :
 Ezekiel Gardner, *Esq*;
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :
 Benjamin Peckham, *Esq*;
 The Clerk.

EAST-GREENWICH :
 Archibald Crary, *Esq*;
 Rufus Spencer, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :
 Mr. John Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :
 Elisha Mowry, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :
 Christopher Potter, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Williams.

GLOUCESTER :
 Daniel Owen, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :
 Gideon Hoxsie, *Esq*;

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :
 Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;
 Jonathan Comstock, *Esq*;

COVENTRY :
 Mr. William Burlingame,
 Stephen Potter *Esq*;

EXETER :
 John Chapman, *Esq*;
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*;

MIDDLETOWN :
 Mr. Nicholas Easton.

BRISTOL :
 Mr. Speaker.

TIVERTON :
 Mr. Thomas Cory.

LITTLE-COMPTON :
 William Richmond, *Esq*;

WARREN :
 None.

CUMBERLAND :
 Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq*;

RICHMOND :
 Richard Bailey, *Esq*;

CRANSTON :
 Richard Searle, *Esq*;
 Mr. Matthew Manchester.

HOPKINTON :
 Edward Wells, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Maxon.

JOHNSTON :
 None.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
 Efek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 John Jenckes, *Esq*;

BARRINGTON :
 Mr. Thomas Allen.

Rowse J. HELME, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

THE following Abstract was presented unto this Assembly, by Mr. John Demount, to wit :

ABSTRACT of Beef-Cattle delivered at Coventry, from several Towns in this State, agreeable to an Act of the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session, held in East-Greenwich, in January, A. D. 1781, for raising Supplies for the Army, and estimated by John Demount, agreeable to the said Act, to wit :

| Time of Delivery. | Towns Names. | Of whom received. | Number of Cattle. | Weight estimated. | Prices valued at. | Total Amount. |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1781. | Providence, | Welcome Arnold, | 2 | 1625 | £.2 0 | £. 32 10 |
| Feb. 3. | Smithfield. | Andrew and William } Waterman, | 12 | 8630 | 2 0 | 172 12 |
| 7. | S. Kingstown, | Samuel Babcock, | 11 | 9075 | 2 0 | 181 10 |
| | N. Kingstown, | Sylvester Gardner, | 2 | 1250 | 2 0 | 25 0 |
| | Scituate, | John and Peter Cole, | 10 | 7100 | 2 0 | 142 0 |
| | | | 2 | 1100 | 1 16 | 19 16 |
| | | | 39 | 28,780 | | £. 573 8 |

All branded with an Anchor.

Providence, February 10, 1781.

Errors excepted,

Per JOHN DEMOUNT.

WHICH being being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Abstract be, and the same is hereby accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and W. Taggart, Ninepence Halfpenny, in Continental Money, of the New-Emission, jun. allowed be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. William £. 3 4s. 9½d. Taggart, jun. in full for an Account by him exhibited, for his Service, in searching after the Persons concerned in shooting a Centinel belonging to the French Army.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to receive Claims against the confiscated Estates be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive the Claims against the Estate of Samuel Knowles, which hath been forfeited; and that they enquire into the Sums of Money which have been paid into and out of the General-Treasury, on Account of the said Samuel Knowles.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Christopher Ellery, William Channing, John Jenckes, Henry Marchant, Thomas Rumreill, and Rowse F. Helme, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to prepare a Bill, to prevent the Trade which is illicitly carried on with the Enemy, or Persons within their Lines; and that they devise Ways and Means for detecting and punishing such Offenders, and make report as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Andrew Craige, of Coventry, be forthwith apprehended and brought before this Assembly, to answer a Bill to prevent illicit Trade.

a Complaint exhibited against him by Messieurs *Jacob Greene* and *Robert Rogers*, for an Imposition respecting the Inlistment of one *Isaac Scranton*.

Land of *J. Clarke* and *T. Bannister* to be delivered to the Mortgagees.

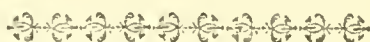
WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that a certain Lot of Land, with a small Dwelling-House thereon, late belonging to *Thomas Bannister*, is mortgaged for nearly the Value thereof to Mr. *Ebenezer Carr*; and also, that One other Lot of Land, with a Dwelling-House thereon, late belonging to *James Clarke*, Cordwainer, is mortgaged for nearly the Value thereof to Mr. *Joseph Anthony*; which said Lots and Buildings have been confiscated, and are now in the Possession of this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *William Channing*, Esq; be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to deliver to the said *Ebenezer Carr* and the said *Joseph Anthony*, the Possession of the aforesaid Lots and Buildings to them respectively mortgaged, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, at which Time the present Leases expire: That they hold the same as Tenants in Mortgage; and that the Equity of Redemption remain in this State.

Conduct of the Governor respecting *M. Robinson* approved.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Conduct of his Excellency the Governor, in removing *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; from the Gaol, in the County of *King's-County*, and confining him to his own House, considering the Condition of the said Gaol, and the said *Matthew Robinson's* State of Health, be, and the same is hereby approved.

House and Land, late *C. Deblois's* to be set off to Messieurs *Allen* and *Jenckes*.

THE Petition of *William Allen*, Captain, and *Oliver Jenckes*, Lieutenant, in this State's Continental Regiment, preferred unto this Assembly, praying, that the Committee appointed to set off the Estates of Absentees, in Payment of the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalions, may be directed to appraise and set off the House and Lot in *Providence*, late belonging to *Gilbert Deblois*, to them, if the same should be confiscated, they paying the Sum they shall be appraised at more than their Balances, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted: That the said Committee appraise the same; and that upon their being confiscated, they be immediately set off to the said *William Allen* and *Oliver Jenckes*, agreeable to the said Petition.



An ACT for embodying and bringing into the Field Twelve Hundred able-bodied effective Men, of the Militia, to serve within this State for One Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, and no longer Term, and not to be marched out of the same.

WHEREAS his Excellency the Governor hath represented ^{Act for} unto this Assembly, that it is indispensibly necessary, for the ^{raising 1200} Safety and internal Security of the State, that Part of the Militia ^{Men.} thereof should be forthwith embodied and marched to such Place of Rendezvous, by the Fourth Day of *March* next, as he shall direct.

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Twelve Hundred able-bodied effective Men of the Independent, Artillery, Senior and Junior Class Companies of Militia (Officers included) be forthwith embodied; and that they rendezvous at such Places within this State, by the Fourth Day of *March* next, to do Duty therein for One Month from the Time of their arriving at their respective Places of Rendezvous, unless sooner discharged by his Excellency the Governor, or this Assembly.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Towns hereinafter named shall forthwith furnish the Number of Men set against each respective Town, to serve as non-commissioned Officers and Privates for the Time aforesaid, that is to say :

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| <i>Newport,</i> | 64 | <i>Charlestown,</i> | 33 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 16 | <i>Richmond,</i> | 30 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 8 | <i>Exeter,</i> | 51 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 8 | <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 44 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 42 | <i>Bristol,</i> | 24 |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 35 | <i>Warren,</i> | 24 |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 72 | <i>Barrington,</i> | 13 |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 59 | <i>Warwick,</i> | 46 |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 85 | <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 38 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 78 | <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 44 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 41 | <i>Coventry,</i> | 48 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 41 | | — |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 26 | | 1145 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 18 | Commissioned Officers, | 55 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 44 | | — |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 56 | | 1200 |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 56 | | — |

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Men aforesaid shall be formed into One Brigade, to be commanded by One of the Militia Brigadiers-General, and divided into Two Battalions, that is to say, the aforesaid Number of Men to be furnished

by the Counties of *Newport, King's-County* and *Bristol*, shall be formed into One Battalion, and divided into Eight Companies, to be led by One Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, One Major, Eight Captains, Eight Lieutenants, and Eight Ensigns, taken from the Line of the Militia ; and the aforefaid Number of Men to be furnished by the Counties of *Providence* and *Kent*, into One Battalion, to be divided into Eight Companies, to be led by One Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, One Major, Eight Captains, Eight Lieutenants, and Eight Ensigns, taken from the Line of the Militia : That there shall be One Brigade-Major, for the faid Brigade, and One Adjutant and One Quarter-Master, for each Battalion, to be taken from the Line, and One Surgeon for each Battalion ; and that each Company of the faid Battalion shall have Four Serjeants and Four Corporals, with One Drummer and One Fifer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That the Colonels or Commanders of each Regiment within this State shall forthwith issue their Warrants to the Captains of each Company under their Command, setting forth the Number of the faid able-bodied effective Men, which fuch Company is required to furnish, and commanding fuch Captain or Officer, if the faid Number of Men shall not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforefaid, to detach the Men for the Service aforefaid, and caufe them to be marched to the Place of Rendezvous appointed therefor.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That where any Independent Company of Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, shall be in any Town or Towns, the Colonel or Commander of the Regiment, within whose Diftrict fuch Independent Company shall be, and the Commander of fuch Independent Corps, shall settle and fix the Number to be raifed out of fuch Corps, in the fame Proportion as they are to be taken from the Militia at large, in fuch Town, according to the Number in their Corps, who shall be accounted to the Town to which they refpectively belong.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That the faid Colonels or Commanders of Regiments shall proportion the Men which each Company shall raife according to the Numbers of Men which the Company shall confift of, in Proportion to the whole Number to be raifed by the Town to which fuch Companies shall refpectively belong.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That the Commanders of each refpective Company of Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, within this State, shall forthwith call their refpective Companies together, and in cafe the Number of able-bodied effective Men which fuch Company is required to raife shall not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforefaid, that then fuch Commander shall detach fuch a Number of Men as will make up their Quota : And upon arranging the faid Brigade, the Men belonging to the Independent Companies and Senior Classes shall be embodied in Companies together, if it be not detrimental to the Service, nor derange the Brigade.

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committees appointed to class the Inhabitants of the Islands of Rhode-Island and Jamestown, agreeable to an Act passed at last November Session, be, and they are hereby empowered and directed, to detach from the Inhabitants of their respective Towns the Number of Men before assigned to the said Towns, unless they shall voluntarily engage in the said Service : And that they make a Return thereof to Brigadier-General Nathan Miller, who is directed to cause the Men so detached to appear at the Place of Rendezvous, within the Time aforesaid, and perform the Duties required of them by this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of the Brigadiers-General, Field, and other Militia Officers within this State, and they are hereby required, to cause the Men who shall be detached in Pursuance of this Act, to appear at the Place of Rendezvous which shall be appointed, within the Time aforesaid, and to perform the Duties required of them by this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons who shall do Duty upon the present Tour, shall be excused from doing any further military Duty, until the remaining Part of the military Force within this State shall have done an equal Proportion of military Service, unless in case of a general Alarm, or Invasion of this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid military Force shall not be marched or carried out of this State. And upon the End and Expiration of their serving within this State One Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, if it shall appear necessary then to maintain a military Force, drawn from the Militia, within this State, they shall be relieved by other military Force, to be drawn out of the respective Corps, in the same Manner as this Act directs the present military Force to be embodied.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Brigadiers-General, and Commanders of Regiments and Companies, hold the Remainder of the military Force (after embodying the Men herein directed to be forthwith raised) in Readiness to march in a Moment's Warning.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Men who shall be detached, and do Service in Pursuance of this Act, as Soldiers, be allowed at and after the Rate of Fifty Shillings, Lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, or other Money equivalent, at the Time of Payment thereof, per Month, and One Ration per Day : That the commissioned Officers be allowed the same Pay and Rations as the Officers of the same Rank receive in the Continental Service ; and that the Serjeants be allowed Three Pounds of the like Money per Month, and the Corporals and Music the same as the Soldiers.

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each of the said non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers furnish himself with a good Mullet, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Knapsack, and Blanket : That if he shall not be of sufficient Ability, or shall otherwise neglect to do it, the Town-Council of the Town to which he belongs be, and hereby is directed, to furnish him with a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Blanket, and Knapsack, at the Expence of such Town ; and receive therefor, out of the Wages of such delinquent Person, Ten Shillings, in Gold or Silver, or paper Money equivalent, which is to be deducted from the Wages of such delinquent Person ; and that the Persons receiving the said Accoutrements return them, or account therefor with the Town-Council who shall furnish the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Town-Councils be empowered, if necessary, to impress Guns, Bayonets, Cartouch-Boxes, Knapsacks, and Blankets, sufficient for equipping the Delinquents who shall be detached in Pursuance of this Act, giving Certificates therefor to the Persons from whom the same shall be taken.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each Person who shall be detached as aforesaid, or shall voluntarily enter into the said Brigade, furnish himself with Three Days Provision ; and that he be allowed for the same One Shilling and Sixpence per Day, in real Money, or other Money equivalent at the Time of Payment.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person belonging to the military Force of this State shall absent himself, in order to elude or evade this Act, or shall refuse to march forward, upon being detached, by himself or Substitute, he shall be sent forward to the Continental Army, to do Duty for Six Months, in the Rhode-Island Battalion, as a common Soldier : And if any Person who shall voluntarily engage to do Duty as aforesaid, or shall be detached for the Purpose aforesaid, and shall join his Corps, and afterwards shall desert, such Offender, if apprehended before the Tour of Duty shall expire, shall suffer such Punishment as a Court-Martial from the said Brigade shall inflict : And if apprehended after the Time shall expire for which he is now called out, shall be sent to the Continental Army, to do Duty as a common Soldier for Six Months, in the Rhode-Island Battalion.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following Officers be, and they are hereby chosen and appointed to command the Men ordered by this Act to be embodied, to wit :

Nathan Miller, Esq; Brigadier-General.

George Peck, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Battalion of Providence and Kent.

Job Pearce, Esq; Major of said Battalion.

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Micah Whitmarsh, — Sheldon, Jonathan Knight, Squire Millard, John Whipple, Stephen Windfor, William Roy, and Daniel Mowry (the Fourth) Captains.

Thomas Olney, Caleb Greene, Mumford Davis, Isaac Paine, Joseph Snow, jun. Jeremiah Scott, jun. Nehemiah Burlingame, and Elijah Armstrong, Lieutenants.

John Carpenter (of Smithfield) John Carpenter (of Providence) Gideon Harris, Joseph Dolliver, jun. and Zebulon Wade, Ensigns.

Nathaniel Church, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Battalion of Newport, King's-County, and Bristol.

Jonathan Bates, jun. Esq; Major of said Battalion.

Philip Traffan, Lawrence Peirce, Jonathan Devol, jun. Timothy Lock, jun. Vial Allen, John Davis, Phineas Maxson, and Walter Clarke, Captains.

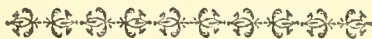
William Belcher, John Wilcox, jun. Peleg Cross, jun. Rowse Pearce, Joseph Reynolds, jun. John Pearce, William Stedman, and Joseph Peckham, Lieutenants.

Robert Dunbar, Thomas Durfee, and Stephen Pierce, Ensigns.

Henry Malcolm, Surgeon of Colonel Peck's Battalion.

Joshua Perry, Surgeon of Colonel Church's Battalion.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Brigadier-General and Field-Officers be, and they are hereby appointed and empowered, to fill up any Vacancies which now are or shall hereafter happen, in either of the Battalions aforesaid.



BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the Honorable Jabez Bowen, Esq; Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and throughout the State, in the Room of Shearjashub Bourne, Esq; deceased.

WHEREAS John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins, and Metcalf Bowler, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Receipt of Joseph Clarke, Esq; Commissioner of the Loan-Office, to wit:

Chief Justice of the Superior Court appointed.
Commissioner of the Loan-Office his Receipt.

Providence, February 26, 1781.

RECEIVED of Messieurs John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins, and Metcalf Bowler (a Committee appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, to receive all the old Continental Bills of the General-Treasurer of this State, and deliver the same to the Keeper of the Continental

tinental Loan-Office) *Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Dollars*, amounting to *Two Hundred Forty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Pounds Four Shillings*, Continental Money, of the Old-Emission, in order to take out Money of the New-Emission of Congress.

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| 815,684 Dollars amount to | £. 244,705 | 4 | 0 |
| 40,784 $\frac{1}{2}$ New-Emission, | | | |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ is 24,468 Dollars and $\frac{1}{3}$, | £. 7340 | 8 | 0 |
| Interest on Certificates received is | 1122 | 17 | 6 |
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| Money of the New-Emission, | £. 8463 | 5 | 6 |
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JOSEPH CLARKE, Commissioner of the Loan-Office.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Receipt be lodged in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be registered in the Records of this State.

General-Treasurer's Receipt for Interest of Loan-Office Certificates. WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Esq; Essek Hopkins, and Metcalf Bowler, Esquires*, presented unto this Assembly the following Receipt, *to wit* :
Providence, February 10, 1781.

RECEIVED of *John Jenckes, Esq; Essek Hopkins, Esq; and Metcalf Bowler*, a Committee appointed by the Honorable General Assembly at their Session in *January* last, to receive of the Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office the Interest due on the Loan-Office Certificates in the Treasury, belonging to this State, the Sum of *Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Eighty-one Ninetieths of a Dollar*, in Continental Money, of the New-Emission, which they have lodged in my Hands, as General-Treasurer of the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* agreeable to said Resolve.

JOSEPH CLARKE, General-Treasurer.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Receipt be lodged in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be registered in the Records of this State.

General-Treasurer to issue Warrants for Taxes in Arrear. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and required, to give Warrants unto the Collector or Collectors of each and every Town within this State, for collecting all the Taxes which are in Arrear, and for which no Warrant hath been given for collecting the same: And that the said Warrants be made returnable within Twenty Days next after the Rising of this Assembly, in order that the same, with the Interest due thereon, may be forthwith collected and paid into the General-Treasury.

Promotion of Officers in this State's Continental Battalions. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Promotions take place in this State's Continental Regiments, *to wit* : In Colonel *Christopher Greene's* Regiment, that Lieutenant *Zephaniah Brown* be promoted to the Office of a Captain, his Commission to be dated *November 11, 1779*; and Lieutenant *Daniel S. Dexter* to the Office of

of a Captain-Lieutenant, his Commission to bear the same Date : In Colonel *Israel Angell's* Regiment, that Lieutenant *Dutée Jerauld* be promoted to the Office of a Captain-Lieutenant, his Commission to bear Date *June 24, 1780* ; and Ensigns *John M. Greene, Joseph Masury, and Henry Shearman*, be promoted to the Offices of Lieutenants, the Date of their Commissions to be ascertained by his Excellency General *Washington*: That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to give Certificates of the Promotion of the above-named Officers to the Board of War ; and that he date the Time of the Promotion of all the said Officers agreeable to their aforesaid Appointments.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed at the present Session, Twelve Hundred Men of the Militia are called forth to do Duty within this State, for the Space of Four Weeks : And whereas it is necessary that Measures should be adopted for supplying them with Bread, for their Subsistence during that Time : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons hereafter named be, and they are hereby appointed, to purchase and deliver, as is herein after directed, the Number of Bushels of Corn as set against their Names, and the Names of the Towns to which they respectively belong; *to wit* :

| | | Bushels. |
|--|---|----------|
| <i>Newport, Robert Elliott, Esq;</i> | — | 61 |
| <i>Providence, James Arnold, Esq;</i> | — | 92 |
| <i>Portsmouth, Thomas Shearman, Esq;</i> | — | 10 |
| <i>Warwick, Charles Holden, Esq;</i> | | 71 |
| <i>Westerly, Mr. Edward Sanders,</i> | — | 39 |
| <i>North-Kingstown, Mr. Eber Shearman,</i> | — | 60 |
| <i>South-Kingstown, Robert Potter, Esq;</i> | | 125 |
| <i>East-Greenwich, Archibald Crary, Esq;</i> | — | 32 |
| <i>Jamestown, Mr. John Weeden,</i> | — | 4 |
| <i>Smithfield, Mr. William Waterman,</i> | — | 83 |
| <i>Scituate, Mr. John Williams,</i> | — | 76 |
| <i>Gloucester, Mr. Simon Smith,</i> | — | 67 |
| <i>Charlestown, Gideon Hoxsie, Esq;</i> | — | 32 |
| <i>West-Greenwich, Mr. George Dyre,</i> | — | 30 |
| <i>Coventry, Thomas Mathewson, Esq;</i> | — | 41 |
| <i>Exeter, Mr. Pardon Tillinghast,</i> | — | 42 |
| <i>Middletown, Mr. Nicholas Easton,</i> | — | 7 |
| <i>Bristol, Shearjashub Bourne, Esq;</i> | — | 26 |
| <i>Tiverton, John Cooke, Esq;</i> | — | 45 |
| <i>Little-Compton, Mr. Zebedee Grinnell,</i> | — | 35 |
| <i>Warren, John Child, Esq;</i> | — | 16 |
| <i>Cumberland, Jotham Carpenter, Esq;</i> | — | 36 |
| <i>Richmond, Mr. Joseph Tefft,</i> | — | 29 |
| <i>Cranston, Mr. Matthew Manchester,</i> | — | 50 |
| <i>Hopkinton, Mr. Benjamin Maxson,</i> | — | 35 |
| <i>Johnston, John Waterman, Esq;</i> | — | 26 |
| <i>North-Providence, Mr. Edward Smith,</i> | — | 18 |
| <i>Barrington, Mr. Thomas Allen,</i> | — | 12 |

1200
AND

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons aforementioned cause the Corn by them to be purchased as aforesaid, to be ground into Meal: And that those Persons in the County of *King's-County* deliver the Meal, by them to be purchased as aforesaid, to Mr. *Thomas Bissell*, in *North-Kingstown*, or to the Commissary of Issues; those in the County of *Providence*, to Mr. *Stephen Jenckes*, of *North-Providence*, to the Issuing-Commissary, at *Providence*, or to Mr. *Peleg Arnold*, of *Pawtuxet*; those in the County of *Kent*, to Mr. *Christopher Greene*, at his Mills at *Potowomut*, to Mr. *Gideon Arnold*, of *Warwick*, or to the said *Peleg Arnold*; those in the County of *Bristol*, and of the Towns on the Island, to the Commissary of Issues; and those in *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, to the said Commissary of Issues, or to Mr. *Jonathan Deval*, of *Tiverton*.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Persons belonging to any Town within this State are in Possession of a greater Quantity of Corn than is necessary for the Use of their Families, and shall refuse to dispose of the same for the Use aforesaid, the Persons appointed to procure the same be, and they are hereby empowered and directed (if necessary) to take such Surplus of Corn, allowing the Owner thereof the going Price for the same.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns within this State be, and they are hereby called upon, immediately to advance, to the Persons appointed to purchase the Corn apportioned and to be purchased within their respective Towns, Money sufficient to enable them to purchase the Corn so apportioned: And in case of Delinquency, that such delinquent Town be assessed, in the next State-Tax, at and after the Rate of *Twelve Shillings*, in Gold or Silver, for every Bushel of Corn deficient.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons appointed to purchase the said Corn, take Receipts for the same on the Delivery thereof: That the Persons appointed to receive the said Corn, deliver the same to the Orders of the Issuing Commissary, taking Receipts therefor; and that the said Receipts be produced to the next Session of Assembly, that the Quantity of Corn delivered and received may be ascertained.

Committee
to wait on
the *Chevalier*
Du Bouchet
respecting
Deserters.

UPON the Representation of the *Chevalier Du Bouchet*, Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army of His Most Christian Majesty in this State, respecting certain Deserters from the said Army, enlisted into this State's Continental Battalions, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Christopher Ellery* and *William Taggart*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to wait upon the said *Chevalier Du Bouchet*, and to assure him, that this Assembly will do every Thing to contribute to the Service of His Most Christian Majesty and his Army; but that *John Wallace* and *Michael Wright*, who have enlisted into the Continental Service, are engaged for a long Time, and are *Americans*: That if the *Chevalier*, or any of the Officers of His Most Christian Majesty, has advanced any Money, Cloathing, or other Things, to the said Two Soldiers, the Balance due shall be immediately paid by the Persons who engaged them for the Service:

vice : But that it is incompatible with the Constitution of these States for Soldiers to serve in any other Battalions but their own, unless the State they belong to has compleated its full Quota, which is not at present the Case of this State ; and that therefore the *Chevalier* must excuse the said Soldiers from being turned over to him.

WHEREAS the Act of this Assembly raising all Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures, to Eighty for One, from the Table of Fees, made and passed, A. D. 1774, is misconstrued, whereby great Evils have arisen : A^t regu-
lating Fees
of Town-
Councils,
&c.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Town-Councils in the several Towns within this State, shall receive the same Fees as Pound-Money on all Inventories presented to them, as is mentioned in and by the said Table of Fees, made and passed in the Year 1774, and no more : That all Fees which arise from Pound-Money, or Fees taken by Courts or Sheriffs, for Sums of Money, according to the Amount thereof, shall be the same as were allowed and taken in the Year aforesaid ; any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding : And that this Act be published in all the News-Papers printed in this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Officers of the Regiment under the Command of Colonel *Christopher Greene* be, and they are hereby directed, to advertise the Persons who have deserted, or shall desert from the said Regiment : That they offer a Reward of *Twenty Dollars*, in Silver Money, or other Money equivalent, for apprehending and securing such Deserters ; which, with all reasonable Charges that shall accrue thereby, shall be paid out of the General-Treasury. Reward for
apprehend-
ing De-
serters.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *Ebenezer Flagg*, be, and he is hereby empowered, to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, in Gold or Silver ; and Captain *William Humphry* *One Hundred and Twenty Dollars*, in the like Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of the Depreciation of their Wages. E. Flagg to
draw 150
Dollars and
W. Humphry
120 Dollars.

Esek Hopkins, Esq; having presented unto this Assembly the following Receipt, *to wit* : General-
Treasurer's
Receipt for

Providence, February 24, 1781.

RECEIVED of *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; *Twenty-nine Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Silver Money ; it being for Twelve Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds of old Iron, sold to Messieurs *Elisha Mowry* and *Job Aldrich*, belonging to this State. £. 29 5s.

JOSEPH CLARKE, General-Treasurer.

£. 29 5s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Receipt be lodged in the Secretary's Office ; and that the same be registered in the Records of this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Matthew Manchester* be, and he is hereby appointed, One of the Committee to set off and appraise M. Manches-
ter appointed
One of the

Committee
for settling
off Lands.

the Lands ordered to be set off, in Payment of the Balance due to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalions, on Account of the Depreciation of their Wages : And that the said Committee proceed upon the Business, that the same may be completed by the First Day of *April* next.

Committee
to adjust
Disputes
respecting
Recruits.

WHEREAS divers Disputes do arise between the Classes within this State, respecting the Right which they respectively Claim to the Soldiers who have enlisted into the Continental Battalions, to serve for Three Years or during the War : And whereas some Disputes have arisen between the Towns, respecting the Soldiers who have enlisted as aforesaid :

WHEREFORE, for finally settling all Disputes which have arisen or may hereafter arise, upon the Account of any Soldier enlisting as aforesaid, between any Classes or Towns, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Gentlemen be, and they are hereby appointed, Committees to settle all Disputes which may arise upon Account of the Soldiers aforesaid, that is to say, *Job Easton, William Taggart, and John Topham*, Esquires, for the County of *Newport* ; *Benoni Pearce, Charles Keen, and Arthur Fenner, jun.* Esquires, for the County of *Providence* ; *Gideon Hoxsie, Joseph Stanton, jun. and Joseph Hoxsie*, Esquires, for the County of *King's-County* ; and *Thomas Holden, Christopher Greene, and Moses Lippitt*, Esquires, for the County of *Kent* ; who are hereby fully authorised and empowered, to hear and determine the same finally.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Town or Class shall think themselves aggrieved, they may make Application to the Committee aforesaid, who shall determine the Dispute : That the Party failing to make Proof of their Right or Claim to such Soldier, shall pay all Costs and Expences which the said Committee shall then adjudge to be due : That the Soldier shall be reckoned and counted to the Town or Class to which he shall be adjudged by the said Committee : And that the same Determination shall be final.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That when it shall so happen, that the Committee shall belong to any Town within the County which has a Dispute with a different Town, the same shall be referred to the General Assembly : And that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

J. Fitton's
Petition.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Mr. *John Fitton*, of *Providence*, preferred unto this Assembly representing, That by an Act of this Assembly the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* is directed to collect certain Debts due to *George Howel*, whose Estate is declared forfeit to this State : And that he is indebted to the said *George Howel*, by Note, the Time for the Payment of which has not yet expired ; and praying for Relief, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly ; and that in the mean Time all Proceedings against the said *John Fitton* be stayed.

Petition of
N. Fales,
jun. referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Child*, Esq; and Mr. *Thomas Allen* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to consider the Petition

tion of Mr. *Nathaniel Fales*, jun. preferred to this Assembly, praying that a Deduction may be made from the Rent of the Farm in *Bristol*, late *William Vassal's*, hired by him of the State, upon Account of the Damages he sustained by Reason of a Number of Barracks being erected upon the said Farm, and improved as Hospitals for his Most Christian Majesty's Army and Fleet: And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS the Committee, to whom the Account of *William Davis* Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, was referred, have not had Time to report thereon: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Davis* be, and he is hereby empowered, to draw *Fifty Pounds*, Lawful Money, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury; and that the same be charged to him. *W. Davis* to draw £. 50

THE Petition of Mr. *Samuel Carr*, presented unto this Assembly, praying this Assembly to lease him the State's Farm lying in *Exeter*, which he has improved for Three Years past, for the Year ensuing being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Farm be leased at Public Vendue to the highest Bidder, in the same Manner as other Estates in Possession of this State are leased. *S. Carr's* Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; be, and he is hereby permitted, to have the Liberty of his Farm in *South-Kings-town*, until the further Order of this Assembly, he confining himself within the Bounds thereof. *M. Robinson* to have the Liberty of his Farm.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; Deputy-Commissary-General of Issues in this State, be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to appoint One Assistant Commissary of Issues, during the Time the Militia called out at the present Session shall be on Duty. *S. Southwick* to appoint an A. C. I.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; Deputy Quarter-Master-General, be, and he is hereby empowered, to draw *Fourteen Hundred Continental Dollars*, in the New-Emission, out of the General-Treasury; and that he replace the same as soon as may be. *B. Bourne* to draw 1400 Dollars, New-Emission.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Pounds Ten Skillings*, Lawful Money, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Beriah Waite*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for carrying divers Acts of this Assembly to the several Towns in the County of *King's-County*. *B. Waite* allowed £. 6. 10s. New-Emission.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Pounds Eight Skillings*, Lawful Money, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Ebenezer Telft*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, and for cleaning the State-House, in the County of *King's-County*, &c. *E. Telft* allowed £. 5 8s. New-Emission.

D. Douglass allowed £. 3 5s. New-Emission. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *David Douglas*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

Grant to *H Champlin*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Hazard Champlin*, Collector of the Town-Taxes for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, *Fifty-four Pounds*, Lawful Money, in Silver or Gold, together with *One Shilling* of the like Money, upon the Pound, for his Fees for collecting the same ; it being for a Tax assessed upon the Point Farm (so called) by the Committee of the said Town for raising Men for the Six Month's Service.

W. Mumford allowed £. 6 12s. 10d. New-Emission. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings and Tenpence*, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *William Mumford*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary, &c.

R. J. Helme allowed £. 9 18s. 9d. New-Emission. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence*, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Roxse J. Helme*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, as One of the Committee for settling the Claim of — *Wolcot* to the Point Farm (so called) lying in *South-Kingstown*, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House.

D. Branch allowed £. 6 New-Emission. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the New-Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Daniel Branch* ; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Attendance on the Committee appointed to settle the Depreciation of the Wages of this State's Continental Brigade.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned, to the Third *Monday of March*, A. D. 1781, then to convene at the State-House, in *South-Kingstown*.

G O D save the United States of A M E R I C A.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

March, 1781.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said State, on the Third *Monday* in *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

William West, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN I. CLARK, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, Esq;

RICHARD FRY, Esq;

JOHN NORTHUP, Esq;

ENOCH HAZARD, Esq;

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq;

} Assistants.

WILLIAM MUMFORD, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honourable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Rumreill, *Esq;*
 William Channing, *Esq;*
 William Taggart, *Esq;*
 Robert Elliott, *Esq;*
 John Topham, *Esq;*
 Mr. Job Easton.

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq;*
 Charles Keene, *Esq;*
 Joseph Brown, *Esq;*
 Theodore Foster, *Esq;*

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq;*
 Mr. David Giffard,
 Mr. William Anthony.

WARWICK :

Thomas Holden, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Edward Saunders, *Esq;*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Ezekiel Gardner, *Esq;*
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq;*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Benjamin Peckham, *Esq;*
 The Clerk.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Crary, *Esq;*
 Rufus Spencer, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Weeden,
 Mr. William Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :

Elisha Mowry, *Esq;*

SCITUATE :

Christopher Potter, *Esq;*
 Mr. John Williams.

GLOCESTER :

Daniel Owen, *Esq;*

CHARLESTOWN :

Gideon Hoxie, *Esq;*

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Gorton, *Esq;*
 Jonathan Comstock, *Esq;*

COVENTRY :

Mr. William Burlingame,
 Stephen Potter, *Esq;*

EXETER :

John Chapman, *Esq;*
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq;*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Speaker.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Thomas Corey.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

William Richmond, *Esq;*
 Mr. William Ladd.

WARREN :

John Child, *Esq;*
 Mr. Charles Collins.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq;*

RICHMOND :

Thomas Tefft, *Esq;*
 Richard Bailey, *Esq;*

CRANSTON :

Richard Searle, *Esq;*
 Mr. Matthew Manchester.

HOPKINTON :

Edward Wells, *Esq;*
 Mr. Benjamin Maxson;

JOHNSTON :

Caleb Harris, *Esq;*
 Edward Fenner, *Esq;*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq;*
 John Jenckes, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON :

Edward Bosworth, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas Allen.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *John I. Clark*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, to wit :

State of *J. I. Clark's* Account.

| State of <i>Rhode-Island, &c.</i> in Account with <i>John I. Clark</i> , | | Dr. |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| 1780. } To Cash paid the Hire of a Horse to go | | |
| <i>June 10.</i> } Exprefs to Governor <i>Greene's</i> , to carry Letters from Governor <i>Trumbull</i> respecting Supplies for the <i>French</i> Hospital, | £ 22 10 0 | |
| <i>July 12.</i> To Cash paid an Exprefs for going to Governor <i>Trumbull</i> , with Letters from Governor <i>Greene</i> , by Advice of the Council of War, to procure Supplies for the <i>French</i> Hospital, | 308 3 0 | |
| <i>Dec. 12.</i> To Cash paid <i>Christopher Olney</i> , for 20 Reams of Paper delivered <i>Henry Ward</i> , Esq; to print the Acts of the General Assembly, at £ 108, | 2160 0 0 | |
| To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; in full for the Balance, | 2509 2 0 | |
| | | <u>£ 5000 0 0</u> |

Creditor.

| | |
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| 1780. } By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, by Order of the Council of War, to purchase Supplies for the <i>French</i> Hospital, and to defray the Expences, | £ 5000 0 0 |
| <i>June 7.</i> } | |

Providence, Dec. 30, 1780.

Errors excepted,

P^{er}

JOHN I. CLARK.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be accepted; and that the same stand balanced.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Three Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Rice*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Necessaries furnished *Marcy Martindale*, one of the Poor of *Newport*.

T. Rice allowed £ 1 3 s. 6 d. $\frac{1}{2}$.

WHEREAS *Catharine Destailleur*, Wife of *Joseph Destailleur*, late of *C. Destailleur* *Newport*, Physician, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband is absent, and is desirous that she and her Family may be with him: And thereupon prayed this Assembly that she, with her Children, *Sarah Hicks*, a white Woman that lives with her, and her Negro Man Servant, may be permitted to go to *New-York* in the first Flag of Truce, and take with them such necessary Furniture as they shall think fit: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Catharine Destailleur* be and she is hereby permitted to proceed in a Flag of Truce to *New-York*.

New-York, with all her Children, and the said *Sarah Hicks*, at such Time as the Commander of the Forces at *Newport* shall think proper: That she carry her household Furniture, under the Direction and Inspection of *William Taggart*, Esq; That she pay all Taxes that may be assessed upon or due from her previous to her Departure for *New-York*; and that she be permitted to sell the said *Negro-Slave*, and apply the Money to her own Use.

Major Perkins
to deliver
Cannon to
the *French*
Army, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Major *William Perkins* be and he is hereby directed to deliver unto the Order of Count *Rochambeau* Fifteen Cannon belonging to the State, of Twenty-four and Eighteen Pounds, if so many are to be found, for the Use of the *French* Army in the Fortifications in this State, taking a Receipt for the Number of Cannon and Carriages he shall deliver; and that he make a Return to this Assembly of all the military Stores belonging to this State in his Possession.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M. be and he is hereby directed to repair the Powder-House in *Providence*, and the Store upon Col. *Knight Dexter's* Farm, in such a Manner that they will be suitable to store Powder in; as the said Buildings are to be appropriated for the Use of the *French* Army.

T. Allen allowed £ 12
19s. in case.

THE Account of Mr. *Thomas Allen*, presented unto this Assembly, amounting to *Twelve Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, for Three Muskets and Accoutrements taken from him by Capt. *Vial Allen*, for the Use of the Militia in General *Sullivan's* Expedition on *Rhode-Island*, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Thomas Allen's* producing to the Secretary a Certificate from the said *Vial Allen*, that the said Muskets, &c. were taken by him for the Purpose aforesaid, the Secretary issue an Order in his Favour to draw the said Sum out of the General-Treasury.

Committee
to procure
the Receipts,
&c. for the
Delivery of
Corn.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Charles Keene*, *Christopher Greene*, and *Rose J. Helme*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive from the Persons who were appointed to procure the Corn assessed upon the Towns at the last Session, all the Receipts and Certificates for the Delivery of the same: That they adjust the Accounts of such Persons; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee
to audit the
Accounts of
the Purchas-
ers of Corn,
in July and
August last.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Thomas Rumrell*, *Archibald Cray*, and *Rufus Spencer*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine and adjust the Accounts of the Persons who were employed to purchase Corn in *July* and *August* last, for the Use of the Army then in the Field; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS *George Irish*, Esq; reported unto this Assembly, that he had procured a Ferry-Boat, delivered the same unto Mrs. *Mary Franklin*,

lin, and taken her Notes therefor, agreeably to a Resolution of this Assembly passed at the Session in September, A.D. 1780: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: That the Secretary deliver the Five Notes of Hand, given by the said *Mary Franklin* to the General-Treasurer, unto the said General-Treasurer, and take his Receipt for the same.

M. Franklin's
Notes, for a
Ferry-Boat,
to be deliver-
ed to the Ge-
neral-Trea-
surer.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Four Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Beriah Waite*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for carrying several Acts of this Assembly to each Town-Clerk in the County of *King's County*.

B. Waite
allowed £ 3
4 s. 9 d. ½.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Threepence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Edward Perry, Esq*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for making Three Copies of an Act of this Assembly for calling out Part of the Militia.

E. Perry
allowed £ 1
12 s. 3 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Twopence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *George Irish, Esq*; the same being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Services, Expences, &c. in procuring a Ferry-Boat for *Mrs. Franklin*.

G. Irish al-
lowed £ 9
7 s. 2 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds, Esq*; Agent-Clothier within this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Four Thousand Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, to discharge the Debt he has contracted in purchasing Clothing; and that he account for the same.

J. Reynolds to
draw £ 4000.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *William Mumford, Esq*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services in assisting the Committee in settling the Depreciation Accounts of the Continental Troops raised by this State.

W. Mumford
allowed £ 9
18 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *John Northup, Esq*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services as one of the Committee for settling the Depreciation Accounts of the Continental Troops raised by this State.

J. Northup
allowed £ 7.
12 s. 1 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fourteen Pounds Two Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Daniel Branch*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for attending upon *Lieut. Col. Olney*, while mustering Recruits for this State's Continental Battalion.

D. Branch al-
lowed £ 14
2 s.

W. Mumford *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds, in Continental Bills allowed £ 5. of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *William Mumford*, Esq; for Four Days Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary.

F. Perry As- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Freeman Perry*, Esq; be and he is sistant-Secre- hereby appointed Assistant-Secretary during the present Session. tary.

W. Tanner *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Nine Pounds, Lawful Money, in allowed £ 9. Specie, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *William Tanner*, a Soldier, in the Service of this State during the War, and now on Furlough; it being in Part of the Money due to him for the Depreciation of his Wages.

Committee *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Rumrell*, *Archibald Crary*, to audit the and *Ebenezer Flagg*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Accounts of Committee, to examine and adjust the Accounts of Mr. *William Rodman* and *W. Chace*. *man*, and Dr. *William Chace*, respecting a sick Soldier, belonging to Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Grant to *J. Olney* and *others*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Sums of Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, in Gold or Silver, to the herein after mentioned Officers, as set against their Names respectively, to wit:

To Lieut. Col. *Jeremiab Olney*, Eighteen Pounds.

Capt. *Coggeshal Olney*, Thirty-six Pounds.

Capt. *William Allen*, Thirty-six Pounds.

Lieut. *Ebenezer Macomber*, Twenty-four Pounds Six Shillings.

Lieut. *Oliver Jencks*, Twenty-four Pounds Six Shillings.

Ensign *John Morley Green*, Eighteen Pounds.

Lieut. *Candler Burlingame*, Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny.

Ensign *Joseph Masury*, Eighteen Pounds.

Ensign *William Pratt*, Eighteen Pounds.

Ensign *Jeremiab Greenman*, Seventeen Pounds Five Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny.

THE said Sums being in Part of Money due to them, on Account of the Depreciation of their Wages.

J. Olney al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Four Pounds Twelve Shillings, in lowed £ 4 Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Lieut. Col. *Jeremiab Olney*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Paper and Casks, by him procured for the Use of the State, &c. 12 s.

O. Jencks al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Thirteen and Ninepence, lowed £ 1 in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Lieut. *Oliver Jencks*; it being the Amount of an Account 13 s. 9 d.

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Account by him presented, for the Hire of a Horse, to accompany his Excellency General Washington to Voluntown.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Seth Fisher*, a Serjeant in Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment, for his Expences and Services, in apprehending *Cuff Slade*, and *William Howard*, Deserters from the said Regiment : And that the said Sum be deducted out of the Wages which shall be hereafter due to the said Deserters.

S. Fisher allowed £ 6 14 s. 6 d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Pounds, Lawful Money, *T. Cole* allowed in Gold or Silver, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Capt. *Thomas Cole*; it being in Part of Money due to him for Depreciation of his Wages.

T. Cole allowed £ 36.

WHEREAS by an Act this Assembly, passed at the Session in July, A. D. 1780, the Committees in the several Towns in this State, who were appointed to class the Inhabitants, for raising the Men ordered to be raised for Six Months, from the First Day of said July, are not vested with sufficient Power to collect the Assessments which they have made upon the said Classes: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That the said Committees, and the several Collectors in this State, be and they are hereby vested with the same Powers, for assessing and collecting, and under the same Penalties, as the Committees and Collectors are by an Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in November last, for raising Recruits : And that the said Committees proceed to assess all such Classes as neglect to pay, and cause the same to be collected, in Manner as aforesaid, as soon as possible.

Committees for classing 6 Months Men, empowered to collect their Assessments.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, *Metcalf Bowler*, and *Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, Report upon the Committee who were appointed to audit the General-Treasurer's Accounts, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit* :

Report upon the General-Treasurer's Accounts.

State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer.

Dr.

1781. To the Amount of Lawful Money Bills, emitted A. D. 1775, delivered the Committee and burnt, £ 220 17 9
Interest paid on Ditto, at 2½ per Cent.

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£ 224 17 9

To the Amount of Lawful Money Bills, emitted A. D. 1775 and 1776, being the Amount of 384 Notes, issued A. D. 1778, payable at the Expiration of 3 Years, Interest at 6 per Cent. delivered the Committee and burnt,

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| To the Amount of Lawful Money Bills, of different Emissions, A.D. 1775, 1776, and 1777, delivered the Committee and burnt, | £ 18687 11 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| To the Amount of 768 Notes, of 4 <i>per Cent.</i> received into the Office without paying any Interest thereon, delivered to the Committee and burnt, | £ 4177 10 0 |
| To the Amount of 619 Notes of 4 <i>per Cent.</i> Principal, | 3009 12 0 |
| Interest paid on Ditto, | 298 10 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
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| delivered to the Committee and burnt. | 7485 12 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| To the Amount of 364 Notes, of £ 30 each, issued by Order of the Council of War, bearing Date <i>March 11</i> , 1779, delivered the Committee and burnt: | |
| Principal, | £ 10920 0 0 |
| Interest paid on Ditto, | 133 7 0 |
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| | 11053 7 0 |
| To the Amount of 88 Notes, given to sundry Persons for <i>Negroes</i> enlisted into Col. <i>Greene's</i> Battalion, agreeably to an Act of Assembly passed at <i>February</i> Session, A. D. 1778, delivered the Committee: | |
| Principal, | £ 9958 0 0 |
| Interest paid on Ditto, | 479 7 7 |
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| | 10437 7 7 |
| To Cash paid 2 Years Interest on 676 Notes of 6 <i>per Cent. per Annum</i> , as per Receipts endorsed on said Notes, amounting to | |
| | 3174 5 3 |
| To the Amount of 987 Notes, of £ 10 each, issued agreeably to an Act of Assembly, passed at <i>June</i> Session, A. D. 1779, and delivered to the Committee and burnt: | |
| Principal, | £ 9870 0 0 |
| Interest paid on Ditto, | 102 13 8 |
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| | 9972 13 8 |
| To the Amount of 3000 Notes of £ 10 each, signed but never issued out of the Office, delivered to the Committee and burnt, | 80000 0 0 |
| To the Amount of small Money emitted, A. D. 1777, being Part of the Sum of £ 4500 ordered to be issued, but was not paid out of the Office, delivered to the Committee and burnt, | |
| | 1647 13 2 |
| To the Amount of Part of Two Taxes, made at <i>February</i> and <i>June</i> Sessions, A. D. 1778, ordered to be paid into the Continental-Treasury, on Account of a Tax of 100,000 <i>Dollars</i> , recommended by a Resolve of Con- | |

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| gress <i>Nov.</i> 22, 1777, and not charged in the last Audit, of £ 7500 each, | £ 15000 | 0 | 0 |
| To Cash paid into the Loan-Office, by Order of the General Assembly, at <i>February</i> Session, A. D. 1780, in order to replace that Sum applied to the Use of the State, in full of a Tax by Resolve of Congress, passed <i>Nov.</i> 22, A. D. 1777, for 100,000 Dollars, | 15000 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of sundry Accounts, as per Book, paid on Account of the Powder Mill, | 336 | 7 | 0 |
| To Cash paid <i>John Jencks</i> , and <i>Ezek Hopkins</i> , Esquires, in Part of an Order on the General-Treasury, by Act of Assembly, for purchasing Articles of Refreshment for the Continental Troops raised by this State, for £ 20,000, | 14915 | 3 | 0 |
| To Cash paid <i>Daniel Mowrey</i> , <i>Rowse J. Helme</i> , <i>Thomas Holden</i> , <i>William Richmond</i> , and <i>Nathan Miller</i> , Esquires, a Committee appointed by the General Assembly to take the general Estimate, as per Book, for Money drawn previous to the Adjustment of their Accounts, | 8099 | 10 | 0 |
| To Ditto paid <i>Henry Ward</i> , Esq; as per Receipt, <i>October</i> , A. D. 1778, | 61 | 10 | 0 |
| To the Amount of the <i>February</i> Continental Tax, A. D. 1779, assessed by the State, and paid into the Continental-Treasury, | 90000 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of the <i>June</i> Continental Tax, A. D. 1779, assessed by the State, and paid into the Continental-Treasury, | 225000 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of the <i>December</i> Continental Tax, A. D. 1779, assessed by the State, and paid into the Continental-Treasury, | 120000 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of sundry small Charges, as per Book, | 173 | 10 | 0 |
| To the Amount of Charges contained in the alphabetical Book : | | | |

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| F. | 9455 | 0 | 4 |
| G. | 82668 | 5 | 10 |
| H. | 43046 | 2 | 9 |
| I. | 7853 | 7 | 3 |
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| V. | 14610 | 15 | 6 |
| W. | 138415 | 17 | 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

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To the Amount of old Continental Bills, received into the General-Treasury on Account of Taxes, and delivered to *John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins, and Metcalf Bowler, Esquires*, a Committee appointed by the Hon. General Assembly to receive the same, and pay it into the Continental Loan-Office, in order to take out Continental Money of the new Emission,

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To the Amount of 225 Continental Certificates, the Property of the State, bearing Date *May and July, 1778*, amounting to *Ninety-four Thousand Dollars*,

28200 0 0

To 2 Ditto, bearing Date *June 27, 1780*, amounting to *Fifteen Hundred Dollars*,

450 0 0

To a Certificate from *Nathaniel Norton, D. C. F.* in Favour of *Nathaniel Perkins*, Collector of Rates for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, and received for a Tax levied on *Point-Judith Farm*, per Agreement with the Council of War of the State, and now become the Property of the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* dated *February 22, A.D. 1780*,

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March 16. } Balance due to the State,

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£ 3087418 9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

Creditor.

1778. } By Balance of Account, due as per last
Oct. 26. } Audit,

£ 98197 12 0

By Balance of Account, as per Ditto, in Old Tenor,

£ 2556 5 1

29. By Cash of the Hon. *Jabez Bowen, Esq;* being the Amount of a Warrant from the Continental Treasury-Board on the General-Treasurer of the State of *Connecticut*,

30000 0 0

Nov. 4. By Ditto of *William Bradford, Esq;* for Rents of sequestered Estates,

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6. By Ditto of *John Jenckes, Esq;* for Sloop *Diamond*.

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| | By Ditto of <i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , for Boards in the State-House, at <i>South-Kingstown</i> , for repairing Barracks, &c. | £ 15 0 0 |
| 17. | By Ditto of <i>John Fenckes</i> , Esq; for the neat Proceeds of the Ship <i>Aurora</i> , and a Quantity of Oil, | 3455 7 7 |
| Dec. 2. | By Ditto of Col. <i>John Mathewson</i> , for <i>Robert Williams's</i> Fine for not doing Duty in the Expedition on <i>Rhode-Island</i> , | 45 0 0 |
| 3. | By Ditto of Col. <i>Elliott</i> , for Money received of <i>Levi Pearce</i> , a Soldier, | 35 2 0 |
| | By Ditto of Major <i>Thomas Tillinghast</i> , on Account of his paying the Bounties of the 9 Months Brigado, | 10 0 0 |
| 5. | By Ditto received of <i>Joshua Babcock</i> , Esq; | 302 0 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Peleg Taber</i> , the Balance of his Account, | 1 0 0 |
| 7. | By Ditto of Col. <i>William Barton</i> , Ditto, | 2 19 1 |
| 22. | By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , the Balance of Col. <i>Joseph Olney's</i> Account, | 38 2 0 |
| 1779. } Jan. 22. } | By Ditto of <i>John Fenckes</i> , Esq; for the Sale of the Stores of Sloop <i>Diamond</i> , | 87 18 6 |
| 27. | By Ditto of <i>William Turner Miller</i> , the Balance of his Account, | 3 19 10 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Stephen Smith</i> , Ditto, | 44 0 0 |
| 30. | By Ditto of <i>Randal Briggs</i> , Ditto, | 9 18 5 |
| | By Ditto of <i>John Reynolds</i> , for Interest on Continental Certificates, from <i>July 15</i> to this Day, | 97 10 0 |
| March 9. | By Ditto of Lieut. <i>Gideon Cassey</i> , the Balance of his Account, | 56 8 0 |
| 10. | By Ditto of Capt. <i>Thomas Cole</i> , Ditto, | 12 14 2 |
| 11. | By Ditto of <i>Nathaniel Smith</i> , for Interest on 2 Loan-Office Certificates, from <i>July 15</i> to this Day, | 7 4 2 |
| 12. | By Ditto of <i>James Arnold</i> , Esq; it being the Money Capt. <i>John Updike</i> received out of the General-Treasury, on the 15th of <i>February</i> last, to purchase Grain for the Inhabitants of the State, by Order of the Council of War, | 2053 10 0 |
| 20. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; in Part for Rents, | 362 0 0 |
| | By Ditto, | 576 0 0 |
| April 10. | By Ditto, | 1807 10 0 |
| 20. | By Ditto of <i>Micah Whitmarsh</i> , Part of Money due from him on Account of his paying Bounties, A. D. 1778, | 66 16 0 |
| | By Ditto of the Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq; for 9 Barrels of Flour he sold, belonging to the Commissary of the State, by Order | |

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| | of the Council of War, February, A. D. 1779, | £ 159 0 0 |
| May 7. | By Ditto of William Bradford, Esq; on Account of Rents, | 303 18 0 |
| 8. | By Ditto of Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of King's County, for Samuel Knowles's Farm, sold to Abel Hall, | 1050 0 0 |
| | By Ditto for Ichabod Mosier's Land, sold to James Mosier, | 50 0 0 |
| | By Ditto of George Sweet, jun. for Land sold to George Sweet, sen. | 6 0 0 |
| | By Ditto of James Hill, the Balance of his Account, | 53 14 9 |
| 10. | By Ditto of Col. Christopher Greene, by Order of Assembly, | 22 6 0 |
| 12. | By Ditto of John Jenckes, Esq; for fundries sold to Major-General Sullivan, Cables, &c. of Ship Aurora, | 1850 2 6 |
| 31. | By Ditto of William Bradford, Esq; for Rents, | 240 0 0 |
| June 8. | By Ditto of Nathaniel Mumford and John Reynolds, Esquires, being Money due on Clothing Accounts from Officers, | 424 13 0 |
| | By Ditto of Gen. Varnum, for a Law Book and Index, | 0 12 0 |
| July 3. | By Ditto of the Hon. Jabez Bowen, Esq; for Interest of Certificates for 2000 Dollars, | 39 6 0 |
| 13. | By Ditto of the Hon. William Ellery, Esq; 293,000 Dollars, in Consequence of a Warrant issued by Congress in Favour of the State, | 87900 0 0 |
| | By Ditto of Elisha Mowrey, being the Balance due for Flour and Iron the Town of Smithfield had of the State, | 53 9 4 |
| 14. | By Ditto of Andrew Boyd, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Kent, for divers Fines at April Term, A. D. 1779, | 615 0 0 |
| 19. | By Ditto of William Bradford, Esq; for Rents, | 1693 16 0 |
| 22. | By Ditto of Solomon Southwick, Esq; it being the same Sum received out of the General-Treasury by Order of the Council of War, March 5, A. D. 1778, | 75 0 0 |
| Aug. 3. | By Ditto of James Congdon, the 3d, for Charlestown's Proportion of Flour and Iron, with Interest on £ 27 19s. 4d. | 31 5 6 |
| | By Ditto of Sylvester Gardner, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. for Wood supplied the Troops within King's County, | 679 16 0 |
| 4. | By Ditto of Capt. Gabriel Allen, the Balance of his Account for recruiting in the Year 1778, | 139 8 0 |
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| 17. | By Ditto of <i>John Carter</i> , on Account of <i>John McArtie</i> , | £ 29 | 1 | 6 |
| 25. | By Ditto of <i>James Hill</i> , on Account of divers Debts formerly the Property of <i>Gilbert Deblois</i> , | 30 | 16 | 4 |
| 27. | By Ditto of <i>William Rhodes</i> and <i>Benoni Pearce</i> , for an Over-Charge in their Commissions on the Sale of the Ship <i>Aurora</i> , &c. | 35 | 10 | 5 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Thomas Waterman</i> , | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| 28. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; on Account of Rents due on sequestered Estates, from <i>March</i> , 1778, to <i>March</i> , 1779, | 168 | 0 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Nathan Barber</i> , on Account of the Town-Council of <i>Westerly</i> , for Corn taken from <i>Stephen Franklin</i> , of <i>New-Shoreham</i> , | 145 | 16 | 0 |
| Sept. 9. | By Ditto of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> and <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esquires, for one Hhd. of Sugar delivered <i>Col. Henry Sherburne</i> , in <i>July</i> , by Order of the Council of War, | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Capt. Joseph West</i> , the Balance of his Account, | 574 | 3 | 3 |
| Oct. 2. | By Ditto of <i>Preserved Pearce</i> , for <i>East-Greenwich's</i> Proportion of Flour and Iron had of the State, | 34 | 8 | 5 |
| 25. | By Ditto received for Continental Certificates sold, | 500 | 14 | 0 |
| Nov. 9. | By Ditto of <i>John Manley</i> , for Bar-Iron sold out of <i>Col. Tillinghast's</i> Store by Order of the Council of War, | 1598 | 14 | 0 |
| 11. | By Ditto of <i>James Congdon</i> , the 3d, being the Balance of his Account, | 85 | 0 | 3 |
| 17. | By Ditto of <i>Abijah Babcock</i> , for the Rent of the Farm late <i>Samuel Gardner's</i> , | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. | By Ditto of the Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , for Cannon sold by Order of the Council of War, | 1852 | 10 | 0 |
| 30. | By Ditto of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> and <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esquires, being Money they received of <i>Lieut. John Cooke</i> , of <i>Col. Greene's</i> Regiment, on Account of Goods received at stated Prices, | 227 | 2 | 0 |
| Dec. 1. | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for Sail-Twine sold, | 687 | 12 | 0 |
| 17. | By Ditto of <i>Richard Smith</i> , for Oil attached by him, as the Property of <i>Jacob Isaacks</i> , of <i>Newport</i> , | 62 | 8 | 0 |
| 18. | By Ditto of <i>Pardon Gray</i> , Esq; for Flax-Seed sold by him, | 1075 | 16 | 0 |
| 21. | By Ditto of <i>Walter Channing</i> , in Part of the Balance of his Account, | 266 | 12 | 0 |
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| 1780. } Jan. 22. } | By Ditto of the Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , being the Amount of a Warrant from the Hon. Continental Treasury-Board, in Favour of the State, dated Nov. 12, A. D. 1779, | £ | 90000 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. | By Ditto of <i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq; for an Ox-Cart and Stock taken from <i>Stephen Potter</i> , as the Property of <i>William Gorton</i> , | | 1200 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb. 11. | By Ditto for a Parcel of Tobacco sold that belonged to <i>Thomas Cutter</i> , | | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| 16. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; for a Judgment of Court obtained by the State at <i>Kent</i> Inferior Court, <i>July</i> Term, 1779, against <i>Cromel Child</i> , <i>Sylvester Child</i> , and <i>Thomas Greene</i> , for Stock received on the <i>Vassal</i> Farm in <i>Bristol</i> , | | 602 | 12 | 0 |
| 22. | By Ditto of <i>John Beverly</i> , for the Sale of the Sloop <i>Crawford</i> , &c. | | 11584 | 12 | 6 |
| | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for Iron Hearths taken by Capt. <i>Clarke</i> , | | 2442 | 0 | 0 |
| March 7. | By Ditto of <i>Thomas Corey</i> , by Order of Assembly, | | 959 | 2 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; | | 43 | 1 | 8 |
| 16. | By Ditto of <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> , in Part of Cannon sold, | | 400 | 1 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Richard Smith</i> , Esq; for 50 Cords of Wood allowed to be cut off the <i>Borland</i> Farm, for the Use of the Town of <i>Bristol</i> , | | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| April 1. | By Ditto of <i>William Pearce</i> , jun. for Rent due from <i>William Pearce</i> , sen. | | 126 | 6 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>William Pearce</i> , for Rent due from <i>Daniel Wilbour</i> , | | 451 | 10 | 0 |
| 8. | By Ditto of <i>James Hill</i> , for sundry Debts formerly the Property of <i>Gilbert Deblois</i> , | | 35 | 10 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of Messrs. <i>Clark</i> and <i>Nightingale</i> , for Sloop <i>Argo</i> , | | 11000 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. | By Ditto of Col. <i>Archibald Crary</i> , by the Hands of <i>William Mumford</i> , it being the Balance of his Account, | | 447 | 19 | 0 |
| 24. | By Ditto of <i>Robert Stevens</i> , jun. on the Account of Turpentine by him sold, for the Use of the State, | | 327 | 16 | 0 |
| May 6. | By Ditto of <i>Beriah Brown</i> , Esq; being the Amount of Expences of the Prisoners taken in the Ship <i>Syren</i> , | | 470 | 8 | 9 |
| 18. | By Ditto of Lieut. Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> , for divers Officers in the recruiting Service, | | 1084 | 16 | 0 |
| 25. | By Ditto of <i>Joseph Lawrence</i> , in Part of Cannon sold, and <i>Dudley's</i> Goods, | | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; in Part of Rent due on the State's Land for the Year 1779, | | 433 | 10 | 0 |
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| June 7. | By Ditto of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , Esq; for a Shop sold to Messrs. <i>Clark</i> and <i>Nightingale</i> , | £ 4600 | 0 | 0 |
| | By a Note of Hand of <i>Nathan Angell</i> , received by the Hands of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , Esq; for a Shop sold, | 2600 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. | By Cash of <i>Caleb Gardner</i> , Esq; for Rye sold, | 269 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. | By Ditto of <i>Asa Waterman</i> and <i>Paul Allen</i> , being the Money they received out of the Treasury, Jan. 11, Feb. 2 and 23, A.D. 1780, | 12053 | 6 | 6 |
| | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for old Iron sold, | 612 | 6 | 0 |
| Aug. 7. | By Ditto of <i>Jeremiah Clarke</i> , by the Hands of Capt. <i>James Wallace</i> , on Account of Wrecks sold, | 1983 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. | By Ditto of <i>Griffin Greene</i> , Ditto, | 30527 | 19 | 0 |
| 21. | By Ditto of <i>Jeremiah Clarke</i> , Ditto, | 1200 | 0 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Jeremiah Clarke</i> , by <i>Joseph Wanton</i> , Ditto, | 1680 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 1. | By Ditto of Capt. <i>William Taggart</i> , on Account of fitting out a Vessel for Salr, in Continental Bills, | 248 | 2 | 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for Pig-Iron sold, which was omitted July 8, A.D. 1780, | 4000 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | By Ditto of <i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq; for Money borrowed, | 1721 | 8 | 4 |
| | By Ditto of <i>James Hill</i> , in full for the Rent of the House he lives in for one Year, | 960 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 3. | By Ditto of Col. <i>Barton</i> , £ 1361 14s. and a Note of <i>Rufus Barton</i> , of <i>Warren</i> , for £ 217, being the Balance of his Account, | 1573 | 14 | 0 |
| 10. | By Ditto of <i>Walter Channing</i> , being the Balance of his Account, as Paymaster of Col. <i>Crary's</i> Regiment, | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 22. | By Ditto of <i>William Davis</i> , Esq; on Execution for Rent against <i>John Howland</i> , | 1267 | 16 | 0 |
| 24. | By Ditto of <i>Theodore Foster</i> , Esq; being the Amount of a Fine assessed on <i>Luke Brown</i> for Theft, | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 28. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; for Rents of sequestered Estates for the Year 1779, | 7865 | 2 | 0 |
| Nov. 28. | By Ditto of <i>Enoch Hazard</i> , Esq; on Account of Rents due from <i>Abijah Babcock</i> , | 487 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec. 9. | By Ditto of <i>Joseph Brown</i> , Esq; on Account of Wrecks sold, | 7031 | 5 | 0 |
| 14. | By Ditto of Lieut. Col. <i>Samuel Ward</i> , the Balance of his Account, | 146 | 17 | 0 |
| 15. | By Ditto of <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , Esq; being the Sum he received out of the General-Treasury, Dec. 4, A.D. 1780, | 3000 | 0 | 0 |
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| | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for Iron sold <i>Saunders</i> , | £ 85 10 0 |
| 20. | By Ditto of <i>Nathan Miller</i> , Esq; on Account of Wrecks sold, | 9375 0 0 |
| 21. | By Ditto of <i>Griffin Greene</i> , Ditto, By Ditto of <i>Nathan Miller</i> , Esq; on Ac- count of Iron Ballast sold at Vendue in the Town of <i>Warren</i> , | 6000 0 0 9000 0 0 |
| 23. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; for Rents of sequestered Estates for the Year 1779, | 2280 0 0 |
| 1781. } Jan. 4. } | By Ditto of <i>Jeremiah Clarke</i> , on Account of Wrecks sold, By Ditto, | 3863 5 0 648 0 0 |
| 9. | By Ditto of <i>John I. Clark</i> , Esq; on Account of the State, | 2509 8 0 |
| 29. | By Ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; on Ac- count of Rents due on sequestered Estates for the Year 1779, | 1063 10 0 |
| 30. | By Ditto of <i>Griffin Greene</i> , on Account of Wrecks sold, By Ditto of <i>Cromel Child</i> , Ditto, | 1500 6 0 1964 14 0 |
| Feb. 5. 1779. | By Ditto of Ditto, By Ditto hired of divers Persons for paying the Bounties to Soldiers enlisted into the State's Brigade, 1779, By Amount of State Tax, <i>February</i> Session, 1779, Interest received on the above Tax, | 1753 10 0 3956 8 0 60000 0 0 239 9 2 |
| 1778. | By Amount of State Tax, <i>October</i> Session, 1778, Interest received on Ditto, | 30000 0 0 38 14 10 |
| 1779. | By Amount of Continental Tax, <i>February</i> Session, 1779, Interest received on Ditto, By Amount of State Tax, <i>June</i> Session, 1779, Interest received on Ditto, By the Amount of Continental Tax, <i>June</i> Session, 1779, Interest received on Ditto, By the Amount of Continental Tax, <i>Decem-</i> <i>ber</i> Session, 1779, Interest received on Ditto, | 90000 0 0 61 19 3 60000 0 0 90 0 10 225000 0 0 442 19 3 120000 0 0 466 17 2 |
| 1780. | By the Amount of Continental Tax, <i>Febru-</i> <i>ary</i> Session, 1780, Interest received on Ditto, By the Amount of Continental Tax, <i>May</i> Session, 1780, Interest received on Ditto, By the Amount of State Tax, <i>May</i> Session, 1780, Interest received on Ditto, | 180000 0 0 451 6 11 130000 0 0 634 15 5 180000 0 0 934 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ By |

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| By the Amount of State Tax, <i>July</i> Second Session, 1780, | | £ | 400000 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Towns' Interest received on Ditto, | | | 465 | 2 | 2 |
| By the Amount of State Tax, <i>November</i> Session, 1780, | | | 1000000 | 0 | 0 |
| 1777. | By small Money emitted <i>May</i> Session, 1777, | | 4500 | 0 | 0 |
| 1779. | By 4000 Notes, of <i>Ten Pounds</i> each, issued by Act of Assembly, <i>June</i> Session, A. D. 1779, | | 40000 | 0 | 0 |
| | By 364 Notes, of <i>Thirty Pounds</i> each, issued by Order of the Council of War, <i>March</i> 11, 1779, | | 10920 | 0 | 0 |
| | By the Amount of 384 Notes, issued to redeem Money called out of Circulation, by Act of Assembly, ——— Session, A. D. 1778, | | 7040 | 4 | 11 |
| March 6. | By the Amount of Rents received of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq; from sequestered Estates, A. D. 1779, | | 171 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. | By Cash received of <i>Jonathan Arnold</i> , Esq; being Money he received out of the Treasury on the Alarm in <i>July</i> and <i>August</i> (not expended) | | 1500 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb. 17. | By Ditto of <i>Cromel Child</i> , on Account of Wrecks sold, | | 1020 | 12 | 0 |
| | By 36 Notes, of <i>Thirty Pounds</i> each (omitted) which were issued by Order of the Council of War, <i>March</i> 11, 1779, | | 1080 | 0 | 0 |
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| | | £ | 3,087,418 | 9 | 10½ |
| Old Tenor, £ 2556 5s. 1d. | | | | | |

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honourable General Assembly, we have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the General-Treasurer, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do report, that on the above Account there appears to be a Balance due to the State of *One Million Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence One Farthing*, in outstanding Taxes, Soldiers Certificates, Continental old Bills, and £ 2556 5s. 1d. Old Tenor.

JOHN JENCKES,
M. BOWLER,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, March 17, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Metcalf Bowler, and Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, Report upon the Committee who were appointed to audit the General-Treasurer's Account, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, to wit :

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State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer, Dr.

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| 1781. To the Amount of Cash paid in Lawful Money Bills, emitted <i>June</i> 1780, to the several Towns their Proportions, as ordered by Act of Assembly, and received into the Treasury, and sundry Accounts paid as per Book, and audited by the Committee, | £ | 19554 | 1 | 0 |
| To the Amount of Lawful Money Bills emitted <i>June</i> 1780, with Interest received into the Office on Account of the State Tax made in <i>July</i> Session, A.D. 1780, and delivered the Committee and burnt, | | 7079 | 11 | 8½ |
| To the Amount of Lawful Money, <i>June</i> 1780, received from the Town of <i>Westerly</i> , on Account of Bounties returned, delivered the Committee and burnt, | | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of Lawful Money Bills emitted <i>June</i> 1780, received on Account of the Sale of the <i>Borland</i> Farm, sold by the Committee to <i>Shearjashub Bourne, Esq;</i> delivered the Committee and burnt, | | 3457 | 10 | 9¾ |
| To the Amount of 25 Certificates, issued by the Commissary of Purchases of this State, received on Account of the Sales of the <i>Vassal, Wanton, Rome</i> and <i>Lawton</i> Farms, | | 6204 | 18 | 9 |
| | £ | 36320 | 2 | 2¾ |
| Balance due to the State in <i>June</i> Emission, 1780, | | 3366 | 7 | 4 |
| | £ | 39686 | 9 | 6¾ |

Creditor.

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| 1780. By Amount of Lawful Money Bills, ordered to be emitted <i>June</i> Session, A.D. 1780, | £ | 20000 | 0 | 0 |
| By Amount of State Tax, <i>July</i> Session, 1780, for Bills emitted <i>June</i> 1780, or Gold and Silver, | | 10000 | 0 | 0 |
| By Lawful Money Bills, of the Emission of <i>June</i> 1780, with Interest thereon, received of <i>John Jenckes, Esq;</i> in Behalf of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to sell the <i>Borland</i> Farm, | | 3457 | 10 | 9¾ |
| By the Amount of 25 Certificates, issued by the Commissary of Purchases, received of the Committee appointed to sell the Absentees Estates, in Part Payment for the Sales of <i>Vassal's, Wanton's, Rome's</i> and <i>Lawton's</i> Farms, as per List, | | 6204 | 18 | 9 |
| | | | | By |

March, 1781.

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By Cash in Lawful Money Bills, June 1780,
received of *David Maxson*, Esq; Town-
Treasurer of *Westerly*, being for Bounties
returned,

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| £ | 24 | 0 | 0 |
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| £ | 39686 | 9 | 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Hon. General Assembly,
we have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the General-
Treasurer, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do
report, that on the above Account there appears to be a Balance due
to the State of *Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Seven*
Shillings and Fourpence, of the Emission of June, A. D. 1780.

JOHN JENCKES,
M. BOWLER,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, March 16, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolv-
ed*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Metcalf Bowler*, and *Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, Report upon
the Committee who were appointed to audit the Accounts of the the General-
General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following State Treasurer's
of an Account and Report, *to wit* :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; Gene-
ral-Treasurer, Dr.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 1780. } To Cash paid Capt. <i>William Taggart</i> , in | |
| June 17. } Silver, 266 $\frac{2}{3}$ Dollars, | £ 80 0 0 |
| 22. To Ditto paid Col. <i>Crary</i> , by Order of As- sembly, 400 Dollars, | 120 0 0 |
| Sept. 28. To Ditto, 20 Dollars, | 6 0 0 |
| Oct. 4. To Cash paid <i>George Irish</i> , in Part of an Order of Assembly in Favour of <i>Mary</i> <i>Franklin</i> , in Silver, 146 Dollars, | 43 16 0 |
| 1781. } To Ditto paid Col. <i>Israel Angell</i> , towards | |
| Feb. 3. } the Depreciation Money due to the Sol- diers, per Order of Assembly, | 259 16 9 |
| 7. To Ditto, | 17 8 0 |
| March 3. To Ditto paid Capt. <i>William Humphry</i> , | |
| Ditto, | 36 0 0 |
| To Ditto paid Major <i>Ebenezer Flagg</i> , Ditto, | 45 0 0 |
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| Balance due in Silver Money to the State, | £ 608 0 9 |
| | 15953 5 0 |
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| | £ 16561 5 9 |
| | Creditor. |

Creditor.

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| 1780. | By Cash received of <i>William Channing</i> , | |
| March 18. | Esq; by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly passed at <i>February</i> Session, 1780, upon the Petition of <i>Zebedee Story</i> , 800 Dollars, | £ 240 0 0 |
| July 5. | By Ditto of Capt. <i>William Taggart</i> , by Order of Assembly, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars, | 10 0 0 |
| 1781. | By Ditto received of <i>John Beverly</i> , Esq; | |
| Feb. 3. | by Order of Assembly, for Cheese sold, delivered by <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; on Account of <i>George Howell</i> , | 50 0 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>John Beverly</i> , Esq; the several Sums by him collected on Account of <i>George Howell</i> , from the following Persons, <i>John Fitton</i> , £ 90, <i>John Thurston</i> , £ 14 10s. 6d. <i>Samuel Young</i> , £ 42, <i>John Beverly</i> , £ 63 6s. 3d. <i>Joseph Parker</i> , £ 17 8s. amounting to | 227 4 9 |
| 24. | By Ditto received of <i>Esek Hopkins</i> . Esq; for 12 C. 0 Qr. 21 lb of old Iron, sold by him to <i>Elisha Mowrey</i> and <i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , belonging to the State, at 48s. per C. 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars, | 29 5 0 |
| March 12. | By Ditto of <i>John Jenckes</i> , Esq; for 32 lb. of Twine sold, belonging to the State, at 3s. Silver per lb. | 4 16 0 |
| 1780. | By Amount of State Tax, in Gold or Silver, made at <i>November</i> Session, 1780, for paying the Balances due to Colonels <i>Greene</i> , <i>Angell</i> and <i>Sherburne's</i> Regiments, and £ 10,000 for raising this State's Quota of the Continental Army, | 16000 0 0 |
| | | £ 16561 5 9 |

In Obedience to the Appointment of the Honourable General Assembly, we have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the General-Treasurer, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do report, that on the above Account there appears to be a Balance of *Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, due to the State, in Silver and Gold.

JOHN JENCKES,
M. BOWLER,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, March 16, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Metcalf Bowler, and Essek Hopkins*, Esquires, Report upon the Committee who were appointed to audit the General-Treasurer's Accounts, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit* :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer. Dr.

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|---|--|-----------|----|-----------------|
| 1781. | To Cash paid <i>John Reynolds</i> , Esq; per Order of Assembly, | £ 3750 | 0 | 0 |
| Jan. 29. | To Ditto <i>Stephen Mumford</i> , Ditto, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb. 7. | To Ditto <i>Col. Israel Angell</i> , Ditto, | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| March 3. | To Ditto <i>Benjamin Bourne</i> , Esq; D. Q. M. G. Ditto, | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 29 | 11 | 4 |
| | To Ditto <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Daniel Branch</i> , Ditto, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Aaron Simmons</i> , for inlisting 16 Recruits, | 14 | 8 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Benoni Hunt</i> ; in full for One Quarter of Depreciation, | 25 | 17 | 3 |
| | To Ditto <i>Thomas Holden</i> , Esq; per Order of Assembly, | 36 | 13 | 7 |
| | To Ditto <i>Jonathan Arnold</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Christopher Ellery</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>George Olney</i> , Ditto, | 12 | 14 | 1 |
| | To Ditto <i>George Wood</i> , Ditto, | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | To Ditto <i>Rufus Sprague</i> , Ditto, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Daniel Branch</i> , Ditto, | 17 | 8 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Thomas Rumreill</i> , Ditto, | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| | To Ditto <i>Col. Israel Angell</i> , Ditto, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Ditto his Excellency <i>William Greene</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 6 | 17 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>William Mumford</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 29 | 14 | 9 |
| | To Ditto <i>Amos Chace</i> , for guarding the Magazine, Ditto, | 37 | 16 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Jonathan Arnold</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>William Channing</i> , Esq; Ditto, | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Ebenezer Cole</i> , Ditto, | 1 | 12 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | To Ditto <i>Moses Barber</i> , for Travel of 1 Recruit, | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Paul Coffin</i> , per Order of Assembly, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | To Ditto <i>Joshua Bicknal</i> , Grand Jurors' Bill, | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 16. | To Ditto <i>John Reynolds</i> , Esq; per Order of Assembly, | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance due to the State, in new Continental Money, | | £ 4764 | 19 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | 4202 | 0 | 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| | | £ 8966 | 19 | 6 |
| | | Creditor. | | |

Creditor.

1781. } By old Continental Bills, received from
 Mar. 16. } *John Jenckes, Essek Hopkins, and Metcalf
 Bowler, Esquires, a Committee appointed
 by the Hon. General Assembly to pay the
 same into the Continental Loan-Office, and
 take out the Amount thereof in new
 Emission, agreeable to a Resolve of Con-
 gress, Eight Hundred Seventy-one Thousand
 Five Hundred and Sixty-eight old Continental
 Dollars, at the Rate of Twenty for One,
 amount in the new Emission to Forty-three
 Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-eight Dol-
 lars and One Third; Three-Fifths for the
 Use of the State, and the remaining Two-
 Fifths at the Disposal of Congress—State's
 Three-Fifths being Twenty-six Thousand One
 Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars.*

£ 7844 2 0

By Cash received of the above Committee
 for Two Years Interest, on Two Hundred
 and Twenty-five Continental Loan-Office
 Certificates bearing Date May and July,
 A. D. 1778, amounting to Ninety-four
 Thousand Dollars, and Interest endorsed on
 the said Certificates, amounting to Three
 Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two
 Dollars, and $\frac{6}{72}$.

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£ 8966 19 6

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Hon. General Assembly,
 we have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the General-
 Treasurer, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do
 report, that on the above Account there appears to be a Balance of
*Four Thousand Two Hundred and Two Pounds and Fourpence Three Far-
 things* in Continental Bills of the new Emission, ordered by Congress
 now in the Treasury, and due to the State.

JOHN JENCKES,
 M. BOWLER,
 ESEK HOPKINS

Providence, March 17, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Re-
 solved,* That the same be and hereby is accepted.

Report of the
 Committee
 who burnt
 Money, &c.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, Metcalf Bowler, and Essek Hopkins, Esquires,*
 who were appointed a Committee to receive Money, &c. of the General-
 Treasurer, and burn the same, &c. presented unto this Assembly the
 following Report, *to wit:*

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WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Hon. General Assembly a Committee, to receive of *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer, the Lawful Money Bills emitted by this State, *Four per Cent.* Notes, and other Notes, Securities and Certificates, that have been issued by the State, and paid into the General-Treasurer's Office, and burn or cancel the same; also to receive the Interest due on the Continental Loan-Office Certificates now in the Treasury, the Property of the State, and pay the same into the Continental Loan-Office, and receive the Amount in Continental Money of the new Emission, and all the old Continental Money paid into the Treasury on Account of Taxes, &c. and pay the same into the Continental Loan-Office, and take out the Amount in Continental Money of the new Emission, on Account of this State's Proportion; do report, that we have received, carefully counted, endorsed and burnt, of the several Emissions of Lawful Money, *Four per Cent.* and other Notes, Certificates and Securities, the following Sums; have also received the Interest due on the Continental Loan-Office Certificates, as also this State's Proportion of the new Emission Continental Money for the Sum of old Continental Money by us received of the General-Treasurer, and paid into the Continental Loan-Office, as per Receipts lodged in the Secretary's Office.

BILLS emitted A.D. 1775, 1776 and 1777, *Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve Pounds Nine Shillings and Twopence One Farthing*, Interest included.

BILLS emitted A.D. 1775 and 1776, being the Amount of Three Hundred and Eighty-four Notes, issued A.D. 1778, payable in Three Years, with Interest at *Six per Cent. per Annum*, *Seven Thousand and Forty Pounds Four Shillings and Elevenpence*.

BILLS emitted A.D. 1777, as small Change, *May Session*, *Sixteen Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings*.

BILLS emitted *June*, A.D. 1780, received into the Treasury on Account of the State Tax, *July Session*, *Seven Thousand and Nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fivepence Three Farthings*; Interest thereon, *Ninety-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Twopence Three Farthings*.

BILLS emitted *June*, A.D. 1780, received into the Treasury on Account of the Sale of the *Borland Farm*, *Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings*; Interest thereon, *Ninety-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny*.

BILLS of the old Continental Emission, received on Account of Taxes, &c. and paid into the Continental Loan-Office, in order to take out this State's Proportion of the new Emission of Continental Money, *Eight Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-eight old Continental Dollars*, amounting to *Sixty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Pounds Eight Shillings*.

SEVEN

SEVEN Hundred and Sixty-eight Notes, of *Four per Cent.* received into the Treasury without Interest, amounting to *Four Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Pounds Ten Shillings.*

SIX Hundred and Nineteen Notes, of *Four per Cent.* amounting to, Principal, *Three Thousand and Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings*; Interest thereon, *Ninety-eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Ninepence Three Farthings.*

EIGHTY-EIGHT Notes, given by the Treasurer to divers Persons, for Negroes enlisted into Col. *Greene's* Battalion, by Act of Assembly, February Session, A. D. 1778, *Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds*, Principal; Interest thereon, *Four Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Sevenpence.*

THREE Hundred and Sixty-four Notes, of *Thirty Pounds* each, issued by Order of the Council of War, bearing Date *March 11*, A. D. 1779, *Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Pounds* Principal; Interest thereon, *One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Seven Shillings.*

NINE Hundred and Eighty-seven Notes, of *Ten Pounds* each, issued by Act of Assembly, June Session, A. D. 1779, *Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Pounds* Principal; Interest thereon, *One Hundred and Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence.*

THREE Thousand Notes, of *Ten Pounds* each, signed by the Treasurer, but never issued out of his Office, *Thirty Thousand Pounds.*

TWENTY-FIVE Purchasing-Commissary's Certificates, received into the Treasury on Account of the Sales of the *Vassal, Wanton, Rome* and *Lawton* Farms, *Six Thousand Two Hundred and Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence.*

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Continental Loan-Office Certificates, bearing Date *May* and *July*, A. D. 1778, amounting to *Ninety-four Thousand Dollars* Principal; Interest received thereon in the new Emission Continental Money for Two Years, and endorsed on the Certificates, *Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and $\frac{66}{100}$.*

Two Continental Certificates, bearing Date *June 27*, A. D. 1780, received into the Treasury from *Hazard Champlin*, on Account of *South-Kingsfown* Rates, *Fifteen Hundred Dollars.*

ONE Certificate from *Nathaniel Norton*, A. D. C. F. for a Tax levied on *Point-Juaish* Farm, dated *Feb. 22*, A. D. 1780, for the Sum of *Eleven Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds and Ninepence.*

ONE Certificate from *Robert Crooke*, Esq; D. Q. M. G. in Favour of *Giles Sanford*, received by Order of Assembly on Account of *Middle-town* Tax, *July*, A. D. 1780, amounting to *Five Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds.*

Bills

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|---|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Bills emitted A.D. 1775, 1776 and 1777, Interest included, burnt, | £ | 18912 | 9 | 2½ |
| Bills emitted A.D. 1775 and 1776, for 384 Notes issued, to call those Bills out of Circulation payable in 3 Years with Interest, at 6 per Cent. burnt, | | 704 | 4 | 11 |
| | £ | 19616 | 14 | 1½ |
| Bills emitted June 1780, State Tax July 1780, | | | | |
| Principal, burnt, | | 7009 | 13 | 5½ |
| Interest thereon, | | 93 | 18 | 2½ |
| Bills emitted June 1780, Sale of Borland Farm, | | | | |
| Principal, burnt, | | 3365 | 17 | 0 |
| Interest thereon, | | 91 | 13 | 9½ |
| | £ | 10561 | 2 | 6½ |
| Bills emitted May 1777 for small Change, burnt, | | 1647 | 13 | 2 |
| Bills of the old Continental Emission, taken out of Circulation, and paid by the State into the Continental Loan-Office, and Money of the new Emission received for the Amount of 871568 Continental Dollars. | | | | |
| 768 Notes of 4 per Cent. received with no Interest, | | 4177 | 10 | 0 |
| 619 Notes of 4 per Cent. Principal, | | | | |
| burnt, | £ | 3009 | 12 | 0 |
| Interest thereon, | | 298 | 10 | 9½ |
| | | 7485 | 12 | 9½ |
| 88 Notes given for Slaves, Feb. 1778, | | | | |
| Principal, burnt, | £ | 9958 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest thereon, | | 479 | 7 | 7 |
| | | 10437 | 7 | 7 |
| 364 Notes of £ 30 each issued by Order of the Council of War, dated March 11, A. D. 1779, Principal, | £ | 10920 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest thereon, | | 133 | 7 | 0 |
| | | 11053 | 7 | 0 |
| 987 Notes of £ 10 each issued June 1779, Principal, | £ | 9870 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest thereon, | | 102 | 13 | 8 |
| 3000 Notes of £ 10 each, signed but not issued, burnt, | | 30000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 39972 | 13 | 8 |
| 25 Purchasing Commissary's Certificates, received for Sale of Vassal's, Wanton's, Rome's and Lawton's Farms, | | 6204 | 18 | 9 |
| 225 Continental Loan Certificates, the Property of the State, dated July and May 1780, Principal 94000 Dollars, £ | 28200 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 Ditto, dated June 27, 1780, | 450 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | 28650 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 Years Interest received on Ditto, in the new Emission, 3742½ Dollars, | | 1122 | 10 | 0 |
| G | | | | Old |

March, 1781.

Old Continental Bills paid into the Loan-Office, and received in the new Emission,

43578 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars, State's $\frac{2}{3}$ th thereof, 26147 Dol. £ 7844 2 0

£ 8966 12 0

JOHN JENCKES,
M. BOWLER,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, March 19, 1781.

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

Dr.

1781. To our Time, Expences, &c. in attending, each 39 Days, at the General-Treasurer's Office, to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, receiving, counting, burning and cancelling the Lawful Money Bills, *Four per Cent.* and other Notes and Securities; also receiving the Interest due on Continental Loan-Office Certificates, all the old Continental Bills paid into the Treasury, &c. paying the same into the Continental Loan-Office, and receiving the Amount in Continental Bills of the new Emission, at 24 *Shillings* per Day in the new Emission,

£ 140 8 0

JOHN JENCKES,
M. BOWLER,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, March 19, 1781.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred and Forty Pounds Eight Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be paid unto the said *John Jenckes, Metcalf Bowler, and Essek Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

C. Clarke allowed £ 6. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed to *Mr. Christopher Clarke*, for Three Blankets, by him furnished for the Use of this State's Troops; and that the same be paid him out of the next State Tax.

Delinquent Towns to pay for the Flour and Iron heretofore had of the State. WHEREAS this State did heretofore furnish the several Towns therein with a Quantity of Iron and Flour, at a stipulated Price: And whereas the Towns of *Westerly, South-Kingstown, Cumberland, Gloucester, Johnston, Coventry, West-Greenwich, Richmond, Hopkinton, Exeter, Warren, Barrington, and Little-Compton*, have neglected to settle and pay for the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary forthwith furnish the Towns aforesaid with a Copy of the Act for distributing the said Iron and Flour: That the said Towns pay into the General-

General-Treasury the Amount of the Sums due from them respectively, at the Value of the Money, fixing it at the Time they received the said Iron and Flour, agreeable to the Act affixing a Scale of Depreciation; and that the Secretary furnish the General-Treasurer, and the said Towns, with a Copy of this Resolve.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-seven Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Baggs, jun.* in full Compensation (with what has already been allowed him) for a Wound he received in *October*, A. D. 1777, in the Service of this State: That the Town of *Richmond*, or such other Town wherein he shall reside, do not in future tax him for his Poll; and that he make no further Application to this Assembly for Relief in the Premises. *J. Baggs, jun.* allowed £27.

WHEREAS the following Receipt was presented unto this Assembly, *J. Clarke's* to wit: Receipt.

Providence, March 17, 1781.

RECEIVED of *John Jenckes, Esq; Hopkins, and Metcalf Bowler*, Esquires, a Committee, appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly, *Fifty-five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-four Continental Dollars*, of the old Emission, amounting to *Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, in order to deliver out Money of the new Emission of Congress.

JOSEPH CLARKE, *Commissioner of the Loan-Office.*

55,884 Dollars.

£ 16,765 4s. Lawful Money.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be lodged in the Secretary's Office upon the Files of the State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Three Shillings and Eightpence*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Beriah Brown, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *King's County*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly, and the Superior and Inferior Courts, at divers Sessions and Terms in the said County, from *October*, A. D. 1769, to *February* last, &c. agreeable to the Report of the Committee who audited the same. *B. Brown* allowed £118 3s. 8d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Forty-three Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Preserved Pearce, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him presented, for carrying the Acts and Orders of this Assembly to the several Town-Clerks, and for repairing the Gaol in the said County, &c. agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited his Account. *P. Pearce* allowed £43 5s. 9d.

IT

G. Stilman to repair Pawcatuck Bridge. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. George Stilman, of Westerly, be and he is hereby appointed to repair that Part of Pawcatuck Bridge, which has been kept in Repair by this State : That he be empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury *Fifty Dollars*, in Continental Bills of new Emission, for that Purpose ; and that he lay his Accounts for doing the same before this Assembly for Adjustment.

J. Arnold's Account. WHEREAS Jabez Bowen, Esq; Hopkins, and Welcome Arnold, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit :*

State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with Jonathan Arnold, D. G.
M. H. Dr.

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|---|------------------|
| 1780. To Cash paid Olney Winsor, for sundries per Bill, No. 1, | £ 60 1 6 |
| To Ditto, No. 2, | 1854 15 6 |
| To Ditto, to sundry Persons, for Linen, &c. No. 3, | 1260 14 6 |
| To sundry Medicines, &c. delivered Isaac Senter, Esq; Surgeon-General, for State Service, No. 4, | 751 10 0 |
| To Cash paid James Robinson, for Port Wine, per Bill, No. 5, | 216 0 0 |
| To Ditto, Benjamin Wilbor, No. 6, | 63 0 0 |
| To Ditto, Edward Thurber, No. 7, | 189 0 0 |
| To Ditto, Enoch Butts, | 12 12 0 |
| To Doctors John and Joseph Tweedy's Bill, for sundries received by Isaac Senter, Esq; in Silver or State Bills, £ 32 2 s. 5 d. or Exchange at 60 for 1. | |
| Balance due to the State, exclusive of Tweedy's Bill above, | 1592 6 6 |
| | <hr/> £ 6000 0 0 |

Creditor.

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| By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, as per his Certificates, <i>to wit :</i> July 29, and August 3, A. D. 1780, | £ 6000 0 0 |
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WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honourable the General Assembly, at September Session, A. D. 1780, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Jonathan Arnold, Esq; Director-General of the military Hospital for this State, have met on the said Business, and examined the Charges and Vouchers, and do report, that there is due from the said Jonathan Arnold to this State the Sum of *One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence*, in old Continental Money ; and that there is due from the State to the said Jonathan Arnold the Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Fivepence*, in new State Money, the same Sum being now due to John and Joseph

Joseph Tweedy All which is submitted by your Honours most humble Servants,

JABEZ BOWEN,
EZEK HOPKINS,
WELCOME ARNOLD, } Committee.

Providence, March 19, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said *Jonathan Arnold* be and he is hereby directed to pay into the General-Treasury the said Sum of *One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence*, in old Continental Money; and that the Sum of *Fifty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Fourpence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be paid unto Doctors *John* and *Joseph Tweedy* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Sarah Wanton*, Widow of Col. *Joseph Wanton*, late of *Newport*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband died on the Eighth Day of *August* last, leaving her and an infant Son without having made any special Provision for their Support: That she depended upon the Income of his real Estate therefor, but the same has been taken Possession of by the State: That upon her Marriage with the said *Joseph Wanton*, she added a considerable Fortune to his, without any Settlement being made on her for the same; and that she is now reduced to Difficulty and Distress for the Necessaries of Life: And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that the Farm upon *Jamestown*, late belonging to her said Husband, together with the small Island near the same, commonly called *Gould-Island*, may be given up for the Support of herself and Son: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee, appointed to lease confiscated Estates, lease the said Farm and Island in the usual Way, and at the End of the ensuing Year pay the Rents of the same to the said *Sarah Wanton*; and that *William Channing*, Esq; one of the said Committee, pay unto the said *Sarah Wanton* the Value of the Rents which he has received for the said Farm and Island for the last Year, as soon as he shall receive Cash for Rents due to the State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That an Abstract, exhibited unto this Assembly for the Pay of Capt. *Timothy Lock's* Company, in Lieut. Col. Commandant *Thomas Potter's* Regiment, who did Duty in *July* and *August*, A. D. 1780, it being for One Day omitted, be allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Fourpence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be paid unto the said *Timothy Lock* out of the General-Treasury, to discharge the same.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Greene*, of *Warwick*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he was classed with others in said Town to procure a Recruit for the Service: That he cheerfully contributes to the Charges of Government; but conceiving the Account allowed by the Committee appointed to class the Men in said Town

for the Expences of raising said Recruit to be unjust, and himself to be greatly aggrieved by the Assessment made upon him for that Purpose, he refused to pay the same: That thereupon the said Committee issued a Warrant to collect from him the Sum of *Forty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence Three Farthings* in Specie, upon which Warrant his Stock has been taken, and is now in Custody for Sale; and thereupon prayed for Relief: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Nathaniel Greene's* paying his Proportion, agreeably to the Rate or Tax assessed upon the Individuals of his Class of *Seventy Pounds* in Gold or Silver, to the Person who hath the Warrant against him for collecting the said Money, his Stock be released, and all Proceedings be stayed until the next Session; and that *Othniel Gorton, Esq;* the Head of said Class, be served with a Copy of this Petition, then to appear and answer the same.

Committee
to ascertain
the Bounds
of the *Indian*
Land.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Bradford*, and *Joseph Hoxsie*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle, ascertain and fix, a permanent Division, and bound the Lines between the *Indian* Land, and that occupied by the white Inhabitants of this State, in *Charlestown*, agreeably to the Rules of Right and Justice.

S. Ward al-
lowed £ 11
14s. 8d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eightpence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Samuel Ward, Esq;* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for examining and completing the Militia Abstracts.

Committee
to sell or lease
confiscated
Estates fund-
ed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee, who were heretofore appointed to sell and dispose of, at public Vendue or private Sale, the real Estates which have been confiscated, and which were funded for the Redemption of the Lawful Money Bills emitted by this State in *June* last, and for securing the Payment of the Certificates issued by the Purchasing-Commisary of this State, be and they are hereby directed and required to cause the said Estates forthwith to be advertised for Sale, either by public Vendue or private Sale: And in case the said Estates shall not be disposed of by such Time as the said Committee shall judge proper for renting them out, that they proceed to lease the same to suitable Tenants, for Gold or Silver only, and advertise the same accordingly.

W. Tew al-
lowed 23 $\frac{1}{4}$
Dollars.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-three Dollars and Three-Quarters*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Capt. *William Tew*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Expences from Head-Quarters to this State and back to *West-Point*, on public Business.

Petition from
Scituate and
Glocester re-
ferred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Towns of *Scituate* and *Glocester*, praying to be set off from the said Towns, and incorporated into a Township, be referred to the next Session: That the said Towns be notified to appear at next Session,

sion, to shew Cause (if any they have) why the same should not be granted; and that the Petitioners pay all the Expences that shall arise upon the said Petition.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Scituate*, in Town-Meeting assembled, praying that the said Town may be divided into Two Towns, be referred to the next Session; and that the said Town pay all the Expences that shall arise upon the said Petition. Petition from Scituate referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Two Shillings and Eight-pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *James Shearman*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for Four Bushels of Corn furnished for General *Stanton's* Brigade. J. Shearman allowed £ 2 2 s. 8 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Moses Cooper*, Esq; the same being in full Compensation for Fifty Bushels of Corn, by him furnished for the Use of the Army. M. Cooper allowed £ 22 10 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and Threepence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Andrew Boyd*, Esq; for his Attendance on the Justices of the Superior Court as Clerk, while examining into the burning of the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; &c. A. Boyd allowed £ 19 6 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS in a Petition presented to this Assembly at the present Session by Mr. *Nathaniel Greene*, some Mistake was suggested in the Adjustment of an Account exhibited by *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; to the Committee appointed to class the Men in the Town of *Warwick*; which said Petition was received and referred, and the said *Othniel Gorton* was ordered to be cited to appear at the next Session to answer the same: And whereas the said *Nathaniel Greene* was consenting to the recommitting the said Account to the same Committee, and the said *Othniel Gorton* hath appeared before this Assembly and acquiesced therein: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Proceedings of the said Committee already had, relative to the said Account, be declared null and void: That the said Committee again examine the said Account, and hear the Parties thereon: That when adjusted, if upon Notice thereof the said *Nathaniel Greene* shall neglect to pay the Sum which shall be found due, the said Committee be and they are hereby directed to issue their Warrant for collecting the Sum which shall be due, in Manner as is directed in the Act for classing and detaching as aforesaid: And the said Parties are hereby discharged from giving any further Attendance upon the said Petition; any Thing in the Resolution passed thereon to the contrary notwithstanding. Petition of N. Greene referred to a Committee.

IT

*J. Pierce al-
lowed 10 s.
8 d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Shillings and Eightpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. James Pierce; it being for One Day's Work on the State-House in South-Kingstown.

*J. Beverly's
Report upon
Money re-
ceived, the
Property of
G. Howell.*

WHEREAS *John Beverly, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit:*

IN Pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, passed at the Session in *January* last, I have received of *Mr. John Fitton* Three Hundred Spanish milled Dollars, in Part of what he owes *George Howell*, upon a negotiable Note of Hand; of *Mr. Samuel Young*, One Hundred and Forty Dollars like Money; of *Mr. John Thurston*, Forty-eight Dollars Two Shillings and Sixpence like Money; of *Mr. Joseph Parker*, Fifty-eight Dollars like Money; which Sums, together with Two Hundred and Eleven Dollars like Money I had in my Hands, the Property of the said *George Howell*, I have paid unto *Joseph Clarke, Esq;* General-Treasurer; the same amounting to Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Ninepence.

JOHN BEVERLY, Sheriff.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.*

*J. Beverly's
Report re-
specting
Cheese re-
ceived of J.
Jenckes, &c.*

WHEREAS *John Beverly, Esq;* who was directed by this Assembly, at the Session in *January* last, to receive of *John Jenckes, Esq;* Cheese to the Amount of Two Hundred Dollars in Specie, agreeable to a Contract entered into between the said *John Jenckes* and *George Howell*; and to sell the same, and pay the Money into the General-Treasury, reported unto this Assembly as follows, *to wit:*

January 27, A. D. 1781.

RECEIVED of *John Jenckes, Esq;* Sixteen Hundred Weight of Cheese, at Ninepence per Pound, and sold the same to Messieurs *John Brown, Welcome Arnold*, and *Joseph Nightingale*, at Sevenpence Halfpenny per Pound, the Whole amounting to Fifty Pounds in Specie.

JOHN BEVERLY, Sheriff.

February 3, 1781.

RECEIVED of *John Beverly, Esq;* the above Sum of Fifty Pounds, in Gold and Silver.

JOSEPH CLARKE, General-Treasurer.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.*

*S. Potter's Pe-
tition refer-
red to a Com-
mittee.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Subject-Matter of a Petition, pre-ferred unto this Assembly by Mr. Stephen Potter, respecting Stock he purchased of William Gorton, and a Suit commenced against him by the State therefor, &c. be and the same is hereby submitted to the final Judgment and Determination of William Taggart, William Richmond,

mond, and *George Irish*, Esquires, who are hereby fully empowered and directed to enquire into the same, and make Report of their Doings unto this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS *William Littlefield*, heretofore a Captain-Lieutenant, in the Pay of this State, in the Service of the United States, has had his Account for Depreciation audited, and a considerable Balance was found due to him: And whereas this Assembly were induced to do the strictest Justice to the Officers and Soldiers serving in the Continental Army, from every Principle of Right, but more especially as they conceived the Persons entering into the said Service did it from Motives of acting for the Good of their Country: And whereas it appears that the said *William Littlefield*, being lost to all Ties of Honour and Duty which he owed unto this State as a Citizen, and an Officer in its Service, has, from Principles derogatory to Virtue and Honour, held a Correspondence with Persons who have entered largely into a Trade with those who were in the immediate Power of the Enemy; and has thereby introduced the Manufactures of *Great-Britain* into this Country, and supplied them with Articles of which they were in Want:

W. Littlefield
not to receive
Deprecia-
tion.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Name of the said *William Littlefield* be and it is hereby ordered to be struck out of the List of those Officers and Soldiers who are to be paid Depreciation; and that he be and hereby is declared incapable to receive the same, or any Part thereof.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition preferred unto this Assembly by *Thomas Clarke*, of *Newport*, respecting the Estate late belonging to *Jahleel Brenton*, which he hired of this State for the last Year, by his Consent, be and the same is hereby submitted to the final Determination of Messrs. *William Taggart*, *Robert Elliot*, and *William Richmond*, who are hereby fully empowered to settle and determine the same, and make Report thereof to this Assembly at the next Session.

T. Clarke's
Petition re-
ferred to a
Committee.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Eight Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Robert Newell*; the same being in full of an Account by him charged against *George Howell*, for colouring a Piece of Silk Gauze.

R. Newell al-
lowed £ 1
8s. 1½.

WHEREAS the new Emission of the Continental Currency emitted by this State bears Date on the Second Day of *July* last; and as none of the said Money was put into Circulation until *January* last, and but a small Quantity of it then, the reckoning and accounting the Interest upon the said Bills from the Time of the Date will be detrimental to the Public: Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Interest shall be computed, reckoned and allowed, from the First Day of *April*, A. D. 1781, upon all the Bills of the said Emission issued by this State, and not from an earlier Period: Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Interest on
new Emission
to commence
April 1, A. D.
1781.

E. Perry allowed £ 7. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Edward Perry*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *King's County*; it being in full for an Account by him exhibited for his Fees on divers Informations prosecuted at the said Court, by the Attorney-General, against the Estates of Absentees, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

W. Channing allowed £ 27 2 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Walter Channing*, Esq; the same being in full for an Account by him exhibited for his Fees as Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of *Newport*, upon divers Informations lodged at said Court against the Estates of Absentees, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

Committee to appraise Four Acres of Land in *Bristol*, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee heretofore appointed to appraise and set off to the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Army, in the Pay of this State, the confiscated Estates, in Part of their Depreciation Money, proceed to appraise a Lot of Land lying in *Bristol*, containing Four Acres, late the Property of *Isaac Royal*, Esq; and that the same, upon its being confiscated, be set off to the said Officers and Soldiers who have Depreciation Money due unto them from this State.

Grant to Ensigns *Masury* and *Pratt*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. in this State, to pay the Accounts of Ensigns *Joseph Masury* and *William Pratt*, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, for their Expences in marching a Detachment of Recruits to the Army.

S. Helme allowed 10 s. 9 d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Shillings and Ninepence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Samuel Helme*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for copying the Act of this Assembly for calling out the Militia.

E. Dexter allowed 18 s. 3 d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings and Threepence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Serjeant *Ezek Dexter*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Expences in pursuing a Deserter.

Allowance to *J. Olney* and others. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following commissioned and non-commissioned Officers in the Continental Army, in the Pay of this State, be and they are hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the several Sums that are herein expressed, in Gold or Silver, in Part of their Depreciation Money due from this State, to wit:

Lieut.

Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, *Thirty six Pounds*; Doctor *Samuel Tenny*, *Fifty-four Pounds*; Serjeant *Esek Dexter*, *Nine Pounds*; Serjeant *James Hopkins*, *Nine Pounds*; Serjeant *Job Sheldon*, *Nine Pounds*; Serjeant *John Dodge*, *Nine Pounds*; Serjeant *Seth Fisher*, *Nine Pounds*; *Samuel Drown*, Drummer, *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings*; and *Thomas Mitchell*, Fifer, *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Officers, in the Continental Army, be and they are hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury, in Gold or Silver, the Sums herein after expressed, towards paying their Depreciation Accounts, to wit :

Allowance to
H. Sherburne
and others.

Col. *Henry Sherburne*, *Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings*; Col. *Israel Angell*, *Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings*; Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward*, *Fifty-four Pounds*; Major *William Bradford*, *Forty-five Pounds*; Major *Simeon Thayer*, *Forty-five Pounds*; Capt. *William Tew*, *Thirty-six Pounds*; Capt. *Elijah Lewis*, *Thirty-six Pounds*; and Capt. *Thomas Arnold*, *Thirty-six Pounds*; and that they be requested not to receive the said Money, until the Officers who are going forward to the Army have their Orders first paid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Twopence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Nicholas Easton*; it being the Balance of an Account by him exhibited for *Twenty-three Guns and Accoutrements* furnished for the Town of *Middletown*, in the Year 1776.

N. Easton allowed £ 17
9 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS this Assembly did, at the Session in *November* last, assess upon the Estates and Polls of the Inhabitants of this State a Tax of *Sixteen Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, to be paid in Gold or Silver only : And whereas the Assessors of Taxes in the Town of *South-Kingstown* have assessed upon the Farm lying on *Point-Judith* the Sum of *Ninety-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence*, to be paid in Gold or Silver, which Farm is improved by this State : And whereas this Assembly did at the said Session order a Tax of *One Million Pounds*, Lawful Money, to be paid in Continental Bills of the old Emission, of which Sum the said Assessors did assess upon the said Farm *Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Eight Shillings* : And whereas the said Town of *South-Kingstown* did on the *Fifteenth Day of December*, A. D. 1780, order a Town Tax for defraying the Charges of the said Town, of which *Twelve Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Two Shillings*, in Continental Money, was assessed by the said Assessors upon the said Farm : All which Sums are due and unpaid : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to discount with Mr. *Daniel Shearman*, jun. the Collector of Taxes for the said Town, the said Sum of *Ninety-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Ninepence*, in Gold or Silver, with the Interest and Fees due for collecting the same ; and also the said Sum of *Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds Eight Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the old Emission, together with the Interest and Fees for collecting the same, which shall be accounted as so much paid in Part of the said Town's Proportion of the said two Taxes ;

Taxes upon
the *Point-Farm* to be
discounted
out of *South-Kingstown's*
Tax.

Taxes; and that he pay unto the said *Daniel Shearman* the said Sum of *Twelve Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Two Shillings*, in Continental Money of the old Emissions. with the Fees and Interest for the said Town Tax.

Committee to settle a Dispute between Scituate and A. Atwell's Class. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Peckham*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, and *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to finally settle and determine the Dispute which now subsists between the Town of *Scituate* and the Class in the Town of *Providence*, whereof *Amos Atwell*, Esq; is the Head, respecting a Recruit to serve in the Continental Army for Three Years or during the War; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the present Session.

J. Hunt, jun. to appropriate the Rent of the Farm leased him to the Support of his Father. WHEREAS *Col. Richard Fry*, who was appointed to lease the Estate of *Joseph Hunt*, and *Joseph Hunt*, jun. the last Year, leased the same unto the said *Joseph Hunt*, jun. for Two Years, for Two Tons of good Hay, to be delivered at *East-Greenwich*: And whereas the said Hay has been taken by the Collector of Taxes for the Tax of the said *Joseph Hunt*, whereby he is rendered unable to pay the said Rent, and support his aged Father: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Hunt*, jun. appropriate the said Rent and the future Rent of the said Farm towards the Support of his said Father, until the further Order of this Assembly; and that the same be done under the Inspection of the said *Richard Fry*.

W. Borden allowed Taxes assessed upon Absentees. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds Twelve Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the old Emissions, and *Fifty-nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings*, in Gold or Silver, together with the Interest and Fees for collecting the same, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. William Borden*, Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Newport*; the same being the Amount of the Taxes assessed upon the Estates of *George Rome*, *Joseph Wanton*, *William Wanton*, *John Mawdsley*, *Stephen Deblois*, *Ackurs Sisson*, and *Joseph Durssee*, Absentees.

Report of the Committee upon Damages sustained by *N. Fales*, jun. WHEREAS Messieurs *John Child* and *Thomas Allen* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Hon. the General Assembly, to enquire into the Damages sustained by *Mr. Nathaniel Fales*, jun. by Reason of an Hospital's being erected for the French Troops upon the Farm he hired of this State, do estimate the same at *Fifty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings*, to be deducted out of his Rent, at the stated Prices he was to pay the said Rent in.

JOHN CHILD,
THOMAS ALLEN.

March 23, A. D. 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Fifty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings* be deducted from the Rents of the

the said *Nathaniel Fales*, at the stated Prices, in full Compensation of all Damages he has received.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *John Child* and *Thomas Allen*, in full Satisfaction of an Account by them exhibited for their Services in estimating the Damage sustained by *Nathaniel Fales*, jun.

J. Child and
T. Allen allowed £ 1
16 s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Rufus Spencer*, *Jeremiah Whipple*, and *Christopher Greene*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to consider and ascertain the Damages which have been done upon the State's Farm, late *Gervas Elam's*, in *North-Kingstown*, by Mr. *John Howland*, the late Tenant thereof: That the said Committee also take into Consideration the Damages which the said *John Howland* has sustained by having public Horses put on the said Farm, or otherwise: That they make such Allowances and Considerations for the said Damages respectively as to them shall appear equitable and just; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to
estimate the
Damage done
on the *Elam*
Farm by *J.*
Howland, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Marchant*, *William Taggart*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught a Letter to the Delegates of this State, instructing them to move in Congress that some adequate Allowance may be made to the Inhabitants of this State for the Houses, Stores, &c. furnished by them for the Use of the *French Army*, in such Manner as the Wisdom of Congress shall devise; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to
draught a
Letter to the
Delegates.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed by this Assembly to set off unto Mr. *Edward Kitchen Wolcott* a Part of the *Point Farm* (so called) have reported an Agreement signed by the said *Edward K. Wolcott* and the Committee aforesaid, agreeing to a certain Part of the said Farm to be allotted unto the said *Edward K. Wolcott*, agreeably to a Plat of the same made by *Caleb Harris*, Esq; and presented to this Assembly: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Caleb Harris* proceed and run the Line, and make sufficient Monuments, Butts and Land-Marks thereon, to discriminate between the Land held by the State, and the Land to be holden by the said *Edward K. Wolcott*, agreeably to the said Plat.

C. Harris to
divide the
Point Farm.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Metealf Bowler*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, *to wit*:

Report upon
S. Mumford's
Account for
Beef.

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Stephen Mumford*, Dr.

1781. } To 40,000 lb. of Beef, at 38 s. per

Feb. 27. } Cwt. £ 760 0 0

March 2. To 32475 Ditto, at 42 s.

Ditto, 681 19 6

K £ 1441 19 6
14.

March, 1781.

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| 1781. } By Cash received of the different Towns, | | £ 966 3 0 |
| March 2. } as per Account rendered in, | | |
| | By Ditto of the General-Treasurer £ 100, | |
| | which I passed at 50 per Cent. Discount, | 50 0 0 |
| | By my Note to George Irish, for 621 19 6 | |
| | Endorsement on Ditto, | 83 9 0 |
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| | By Balance due to me for my Time, &c. | 30 0 0 |
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| | | £ 1584 13 6 |
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Errors excepted,

STEPHEN MUMFORD.

South-Kingstown, March 24, 1781.

South-Kingstown, March 24, 1781.

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Hon. General Assembly, we have carefully examined the within Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and do report, that we find the Sum of *Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence* appears to be due to Mr. *Stephen Mumford*, and for which Sum he gave his Note to *George Irish*, Esq; payable on Demand, in Silver and Gold; and also the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, due to him for his Time, Service, &c. equal to the Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds* in Bills of the new Emission, Continental Currency.

ESEK HOPKINS,
M. BOWLER.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be paid unto the said *Stephen Mumford* out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to
lease the
Estates of Ab-
sentees.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee, appointed the last Year to lease out the Estates of the Absentees, be and they are hereby appointed to lease the same for the present Year to suitable Tenants, for Gold or Silver only, saving the *Point Farm* (so called) in *South-Kingstown*, which the Committee aforesaid are to let at their Discretion, either for Money or Labour to be done upon the said Farm, taking especial Care that the Tenant or Tenants upon the said Farm shall pay all the Taxes and Assessments for the Year ensuing; and that

that they rent the Estates aforesaid either at public Vendue or by private Contract, as will be most beneficial to the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Richmond*, and *Pardon Gray*, Committee to audit the Account of *Mr. Abner Durfee*, respecting the Repairs of the House he lives in at *Tiverton*; and that the said Committee enquire into the Damages he hath sustained (if any) and also the Damages the Premises have sustained while improved by him.

WHEREAS *William Channing*, Esq; Attorney-General of this State, represented unto this Assembly, that divers Reports were propagated and circulated within this and the neighbouring States, tending to injure him in his Character as a public Officer and good Citizen, respecting his Conduct in Regard to the Prosecution of the Persons who were concerned in the illicit Trade to *Long-Island* and *Block-Island*, and prayed that an Enquiry might be made therein: And this Assembly having made full Enquiry into the Conduct of the said *William Channing*, and the Reports propagated tending to injure his Reputation, do find that the said Reports are entirely false and groundless; and this Assembly do highly approve of the said *William Channing's* Conduct with Respect to the indefatigable Pains he has taken, in order to trace out the Persons who have been concerned in that pernicious Trade.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventeen Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Archibald Crary*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for examining and completing the Abstracts of the Militia in the Alarm in *July* and *August* last, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Messieurs William Taggart*, *Chrissopher Ellery*, and *William Langley*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to make Enquiry into an Information exhibited to this Assembly respecting a Quantity of Sea-Coal, and a public Magazine, which the Enemy left in the Stores of *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, which (it is said) he applied to his own Use; and that they make Report thereof to this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifteen Pounds Three Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for examining and completing the Abstracts of the Militia in the Alarm in *July* and *August* last, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-five Pounds Eight Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. John Carter*; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for Printing done for the State, from *September 1*, A.D. 1780, to *February 17*, A.D. 1781, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

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H. Barber allowed £ 36 2 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Pounds Two Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Henry Barber; it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for Printing done for the State, from April 4, A. D. 1780, to January 31, A. D. 1781, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same; and that the said Henry Barber pay unto Messieurs Greene, Edes and Sons, the Sums charged by them for publishing the Advertisements in Three Papers, as mentioned in the said Account.*

B. Wheeler allowed £ 15 10 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Bennett Wheeler; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Printing done for the State, from January 20, to February 17, last.*

B. Bourne to draw £ 600. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. within this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw Six Hundred Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, to supply the Quarter-Master's Department; and that he repay the same as soon as possible.*

A. Craige to furnish a Recruit for Co-ventry. *WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly, that Andrew Craige, of Coventry, did impose upon the Class in the said Town, whereof Mr. Robert Rogers was Head, by furnishing a Recruit for the said Class, who was a Slave: That after the said Slave had passed Muster, his State of Slavery being unknown to the Muster-Master, he was demanded by his Master, and delivered up, whereby this State has been deprived of a Recruit: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Andrew Craige be and he is hereby required to furnish a good able-bodied effective Recruit, to serve for Three Years or during the War, in this State's Continental Battalion, to be mustered by the Muster-Master on or before the Tenth Day of April next, without any Expence to this State or to the said Class; and in case of Default thereof, that the Whole of the said Andrew Craige's Estate be taken into Custody by the Sheriff of the County of Kent, to and for the Use of this State.*

B. Brown allowed £ 6 15 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of King's County; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for his Fees upon divers Informations against the Estates of Absentees, at the Superior Court held in the said County, in April and October, A. D. 1780.*

Report of the Committee upon the Dispute between Scituate and a Class in Providence, respecting a Recruit.

WHEREAS Messieurs Benjamin Peckham, John Chapman, and Gideon Hoxie, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the General Assembly, to determine a Dispute between the Town of Scituate and a Class in Pro-

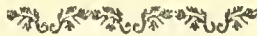
Providence, respecting a Recruit to serve for Three Years or during the War, having heard the Parties, are of Opinion, that *James Gordon*, the said Recruit, belongs to the said Class in *Providence*, and report the same accordingly.

B. PECKHAM,
JOHN CHAPMAN,
GIDEON HOXSIE.

March 26, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said *James Gordon* be held and accounted as a Recruit for the Town of *Providence*; and that the said Town of *Scituate* forthwith furnish a Recruit, to serve in the Continental Service for Three Years or during the War.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for warning the Members in the said County to attend the General Assembly in *January* last; and for apprehending *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; *B. Brown* allowed £ 7 4 s.



Additional ACT for filling this State's Battalion.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at *November* Session, apportioning Three Hundred and Eight Men to the several Towns within this State, to be raised by the First of *February* last, for filling up and completing the State's Quota of the Continental Army, a Committee was therein appointed to class the Inhabitants, and detach the Men so apportioned. Act to complete this State's Battalion.

AND whereas from the Return of the Recruits already mustered, it appears that some Towns have furnished the Whole of the Quota of Men assigned them, while in others there is a great Deficiency.

WHEREFORE *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of the delinquent Towns be and they are hereby required, immediately to make Return of the Persons by them detached, to either of the Field Officers of the Continental Battalions, as is in said Act directed, or in case either of said Committees have neglected to make said Detachments, they are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to detach an able-bodied Man from any delinquent Class within their respective Towns, and make Return thereof as aforesaid, on or before the Fifteenth Day of *April* next.

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if the said Committees, or either of them, shall neglect to make said Return, or to detach as aforesaid, they be prosecuted to the first Court, in Manner as is in the said Act directed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Towns who are delinquent as aforesaid, be and they are hereby called upon to afford their Aid and Assistance to the said Committee, in the Execution of the Duties enjoined upon them by said Act.

AND whereas the Committees of some Towns have not classed the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, agreeable to said Act: Wherefore *It is further Voted and Resolved,* That the said Committees forthwith proceed in classing said Inhabitants: And if either of said Classes shall not furnish an able-bodied Man, as a Recruit to said Battalion as aforesaid, before the Twelfth Day of *April* next, the said Committees are hereby directed, on or before the Fifteenth Day of *April*; to detach an able-bodied Man from such delinquent Class, and make Return thereof as aforesaid on the said Fifteenth Day of *April*: And that upon Failure or Neglect hereof, the said Committee be prosecuted to the first Court, in Manner as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That any Class who may have enlisted a Man, but who has not been held as a Recruit as aforesaid, be and they are hereby directed to furnish another able-bodied Man: And if they shall neglect to do it in the Time aforesaid, the said Class is to be considered as delinquent, and the Committee of the Town to which they belong are directed to detach in Manner as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Jeremiah Olney* make a Return to his Excellency the Governor of the Men who have been or shall be mustered, on or before the said Fifteenth Day of *April* next: And if it shall thereby appear, that any of the said Towns have not furnished or detached, and returned the Quota of Men assigned them by said Act, his Excellency the Governor is thereupon requested to issue his Orders for enlisting the Number of Men in which said Towns are deficient, in Manner as is herein afore-directed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *William Taggart, Archibald Cray, Simeon Thayer, Thomas Potter, jun. and Asa Kimball,* be and they are hereby appointed and fully empowered to enlist a sufficient Number of Recruits to make up said Deficiency: That they engage the Recruits as soon as may be, and upon the best Terms; and that they, or either of them, under the Direction of *John Innis Clark, Esq;* or *Jonathan Arnold, Esq;* draw sufficient Sums of Money out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose: And the General-Treasurer is ordered to supply them accordingly.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That said Committee be allowed, for each Recruit who shall be enlisted by them as aforesaid, *Eight Spanish milled Dollars.*

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That said Committee render an Account to the General-Treasurer of all such Sums of Money as shall be expended by them for Bounties and Expences, in inlitting each Recruit as aforesaid, and the Name of the Town in whose Behalf said Recruit is engaged : And the General-Treasurer is thereupon directed to issue his Warrant, returnable in Ten Days from the Date thereof, against the Town-Treasurer of the delinquent Town, for such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be advanced to their Use, including the Sum allowed to said Committee for their Services as aforesaid, together with the Interest thereon from the Time the same was expended, until the Return of the Warrant as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That said Warrant be directed to the Sheriff of the County to which such delinquent Town belongs, commanding him to attach so much of the Goods and Chattels of the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town as will be sufficient to satisfy the Sums so expended ; and for Want thereof, to take the Body of said Town-Treasurer, and him confine in the Gaol in said County, until said Sums shall be paid : And the said Sheriff is thereupon directed to execute said Warrant, agreeable to the Tenor thereof.

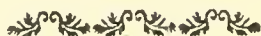
IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Town shall by their Neglect suffer the Town-Treasurer thereof to be confined, or his Goods and Chattels attached as aforesaid, in that Case such Town-Treasurer be entitled to, and upon an Action being commenced for that Purpose shall recover, double the Damages sustained in Consequence of said Confinement, or his Goods being attached as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Town-Treasurer be imprisoned, or his Goods and Chattels attached, in Pursuance of a Warrant issued as aforesaid, such Town-Treasurer be empowered to commence his Action for the Recovery of Damages as aforesaid, against each Individual of the delinquent Class or Classes in said Town, at a Special Court. But in case the Committee of said Town shall neglect to class the Inhabitants within the Time herein prescribed, that said Action be commenced against said Committee of such delinquent Town.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Voted and Resolved, That in the Assessment of any Tax by any Town for the Payment of Money advanced as aforesaid, all Persons and their Estates, belonging to any Class who have furnished a Recruit as aforesaid, be not assessed for the Payment of any Part thereof ; but that the same be assessed upon the delinquent Classes only.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof be transmitted to the Town-Clerks of the delinquent Towns within Three Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerks are thereupon directed to convene the Inhabitants of their respective Towns immediately after the Receipt thereof, that Measures may

may be taken by said Towns for furnishing their Quota of Men agreeable to this Act.



W. Taggart, jun. allowed £7 11 s. 2 d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Twopence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. William Taggart, jun. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Horse-Hire, Expences, &c. Three Days, in Search of illicit Goods, by Order of his Excellency the Governor.*

M. Bowler to draw Duplicates of public Accounts, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Metcalf Bowler, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to draw Duplicates of all the Accounts that have been sent forward to Congress, and also to draw out and complete the Accounts which this State has against the United States; and that he be allowed for his Services Nine Shillings in Specie, or other Money equivalent, for each Day that he shall be employed in the said Business.*

Committee to audit C. Holden's Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Christopher Ellery, Thomas Rumreill, Benjamin Peckham, and Rowse J. Helme, Esquires, be, and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Charles Holden, Esq; Commissary-General of Purchases in this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.*

C. Harris to draw £ 15. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Caleb Harris, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw Fifteen Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, in Part of his Account for Services done the State; and that he account for the same.*

W. Taggart, W. Richmond, and W. Ladd, allowed £ 3 4 s. 8 d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and Eightpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs William Taggart, William Richmond, and William Ladd; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for their Services, &c. in examining the Jurors who were upon the Trial of Samuel Dyre, Esq; in July, A. D. 1780.*

M. Manchester allowed £ 6. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Matthew Manchester; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services, Expences, &c. as one of the Committee for surveying and appraising the State's Farms set off to the Officers and Soldiers of this State.*

W. Richmond allowed £ 6. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to William Richmond, Esq; in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited,*

exhibited, for his Expences, &c. as one of the Committee, in surveying and appraising the Farms set off to the Officers and Soldiers of this State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds, in Continental Bills of *W. Taggart* the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury ^{allowed £ 6.} to *William Taggart*, Esq; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him presented, for his Expences, &c. as one of the Committee, in surveying and appraising the Farms set off to the Officers and Soldiers of this State.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Rufus Spencer*, *Jeremiah Whipple*, and *Christopher Greene*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, ^{Report of the Committee upon the Damages sustained by *J. Howland*, and he allowed £ 15.} to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Hon. the General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of Damages between Mr. *John Howland* and the State, while he was Tenant on the *Elam Farm*, beg Leave to report, that we have carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers, and find a Balance due to the said *John Howland* of Fifteen Pounds in Specie : All which is submitted by your humble Servants,

RUFUS SPENCER,
JEREMIAH WHIPPLE,
CHRISTOPHER GREENE.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of Fifteen Pounds be deducted out of the Judgment which this State hath recovered against the said *John Howland*.

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore direct that *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; of *South-Kingstown*, should be committed unto the Gaol in the said Town, until the further Order of this Assembly : And whereas the said *Matthew Robinson* hath been had before this Assembly, and examined touching the Matters whereof he stood charged : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Matthew Robinson* be and he is hereby discharged from his said Confinement : That he be and he is hereby restored to all the Privileges and Liberties which he before enjoyed ; and that he appear before this Assembly, at the next Session, if required. ^{*M. Robinson* liberated from Gaol :}

WHEREAS *William Bradford*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly an Account of the Money and Articles received for the Rents of the Estates, taken Possession of by this State, and leased by him, from *March 25th*, A. D. 1779, to *March 25th*, 1780, for Articles of Produce as specified in the respective Leases ; and of the Sale of the Articles, of ^{Report upon *W. Bradford's* Account, for Rents of sequestered Estates.} which the following is a Statement, to wit :

THE Farm in *Exeter*, lately belonging to *Samuel Boone*, leased to Mr. *Michael Dawley*, for *Ninety-one Pounds*. The several Articles of Produce, to the Amount of the Rent, were delivered agreeably to the Lease,

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by Orders of the General Assembly, for the Use of the Troops ; excepting that there was an Over-Charge of Seventy-two Pounds of Beef, delivered to Colonel *Richard Fry*, at *Threepence* per Pound, which Sum still remains due from the said *Michael Dawley*.

THE Farm in *Bristol*, lately belonging to *William Vassal*, leased to Mr. *Nataniel Fales, jun.* for *One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds*. The Rent was paid in Manner as aforesaid ; excepting *Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds of Wool*, at *Two Shillings and Twopence* per Pound, delivered to the said *William Bradford*.

THE Farm in *Bristol*, lately belonging to *John Borland*, leased to Mr. *William Pearse*, for *Eighty Pounds*. The Rent was paid in Manner as aforesaid ; excepting *Forty-six Pounds and One Quarter of Wool*, at *Two Shillings and Twopence* per Pound, delivered to the said *William Bradford*.

THE Farm in *Tiverton*, lately belonging to *Andrew Oliver*, leased to Messieurs *Isaac Manchester*, and *Thomas Corey*, for *One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds*. Wool to the Amount of the Rent was sold by the Tenants, by Order of the General Assembly, and the Money paid into the Treasury ; excepting *Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds and Three Quarters of Wool*, at *Two Shillings and Twopence* per Pound, delivered to the said *William Bradford*.

THE Lot of Land in *Tiverton*, belonging to Mr. *Stephen Ayrault*, leased to Mr. *Gilbert Devol*, for *Six Pounds Ten Shillings*. Corn to the Amount of the Rent was delivered, by Order of the General Assembly, for the Use of the Troops.

THE House and Lot of Land in *Providence*, lately belonging to *Gilbert Deblois*, leased to Mr. *James Hill*, for *Sixteen Pounds*. Old Continental Money at the Rate of Sixty for One, to the Amount of the Rent, was paid into the General-Treasury, by Order of the General Assembly.

THE Shop in *Providence*, lately belonging to *Jonatban Simpson*, leased to Mr. *John Mumford*, for *Four Pounds Five Shillings*. The Rent was received in old Continental Money, at *Seventy-two for One*, by the said *William Bradford*.

THE Lot of Land lying in *South-Kingstown*, lately belonging to *John Borland*, leased to Mr. *Thomas Gardner*, for *Twenty Pounds*. The Rent was paid in Articles of Produce, delivered for the Use of the Troops, by Order of the General Assembly.

THE Farm in *North-Kingstown*, lately belonging to *George Wightman*, leased to Mr. *Matthew Manchester*, for *Forty-one Pounds*. The Rent was paid in Manner as aforesaid ; excepting that the said *William Bradford*, by Order of the General Assembly, received old Continental

tinental Money for Twenty-two and Three-Quarters Bushels of Corn, at *Twenty-five Dollars* per Bushel.

THE Farm in *North-Kingstown*, lately belonging to *Gervas Elam*, leased to Mr. *John Howland*, from *March 25th*, A. D. 1778, to *March 25th*, A. D. 1779, for *Ninety Pounds*.—The said *William Bradford* sued the Lease, and recovered *One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, old Continental Money, which was paid into the General-Treasury by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Account of Wool received.

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| FROM Messieurs <i>Isaac Manchester</i> , and <i>Thomas Corey</i> , as above mentioned, | lb. 750 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
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| FROM Mr. <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , jun. as above mentioned, | 336 |
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| FROM Mr. <i>William Pearse</i> , as above mentioned, | 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| FROM the same <i>William Pearse</i> , in Part for Rent of the above mentioned Farm, from <i>March</i> , A. D. 1780, to <i>March</i> , A. D. 1781, | 68 |
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| FROM the said <i>Isaac Manchester</i> , and <i>Thomas Corey</i> , in Part for the Rent of the above mentioned Farm, from <i>March</i> , A. D. 1780, to <i>March</i> , A. D. 1781, including the Bags, | 297 |
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THE Weight of the said Wool, including the Weight of the Bags, was One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-six and an Half Pounds, which was sold at public Vendue, in old Continental Money, for

£ 11059 2 0

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| THE said <i>William Bradford</i> received of <i>Pardon Gray</i> , Esq; <i>March 27th</i> , A. D. 1780, | 433 10 0 |
| Of Mr. <i>John Mumford</i> , as above mentioned, | 306 0 0 |
| Of Mr. <i>Matthew Manchester</i> , as above mentioned, | 170 12 0 |

£ 11969 4 0

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| THE said <i>William Bradford</i> paid into the General-Treasury, | 11813 4 0 |
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| He also paid for the Storage and Transportation of the Wool, &c. | 220 18 0 |
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£ 12034 2 0

AND

March, 1781.

AND whereas the Committee appointed to audit the said Accounts presented unto this Assembly the following Statement thereof, and Report, *to wit*:

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| <i>William Bradford, Esq; to the State of Rhode-Island, &c.</i> | Dr. | |
| To the Amount of Money received by him, as per his Account, | £ | 11969 4 0 |
| To so much short cast in the Account of Sales of Wool, | | 115 18 6 |
| | £ | <u>12085 2 6</u> |

Creditor.

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| By the Amount of Money paid by him into the General-Treasury, and for Expences on the Wool, &c. | £ | 12034 2 0 |
| 1781. } By Balance due from him to the State, | | 51 0 6 |
| March 27. } | £ | <u>12085 2 6</u> |

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Hon. General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *William Bradford, Esq;* for the Rents of the sequestered Estates, do report, that we have carefully examined the same; and that there is a Balance due from him to the State, in old Continental Money, of *Fifty-one Pounds and Sixpence.*

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.
METCALF BOWLER, }

March 27, 1781.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the aforesaid Balance of *Fifty-one Pounds and Sixpence*, old Continental Money, be paid by the said *William Bradford* into the General-Treasury.

Petition of
divers Inha-
bitants of
Hopkinton.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Hopkinton* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that there is a Highway from *Pawcatuck Bridge*, in *Westerly*, laid through said *Westerly* and *Hopkinton*, in a direct Course to *Providence*: That the same will be beneficial to the Public, if extended in its Course through the other Towns: And thereupon prayed, that a Committee may be appointed to examine the same: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs Stephen Potter, Jonathan Comstock, John Chapman, and Benjamin Maxson*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect into the Highway proposed to be laid out, with the Distances, and the Land through which the same is to run, and to whom it belongs: That they make Report to this Assembly

Assembly at the next Session : And that no Expence accrue to the State thereby.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, to Mr. *H Ezekiah Wilcox*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Freight of a Quantity of Salt for the State.

H. Wilcox allowed £ 14 13 s. 1 d. $\frac{1}{2}$

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Thomas Rumrell, Welcome Arnold, Benjamin Peckham, William Bradford, and Stephen Potter, be, and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed, a Committee to re-examine all the Estimates and Calculations, which have been made for proportioning the Taxes which have been assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, for Two Years past : That the several Towns within this State be and they are hereby required to furnish the said Committee with the Rolls, that have been made out by the Committee of Five : That each Town furnish the said Committee with an exact and true Copy of the Rate-Bills for proportioning the Tax assessed in June, A. D. 1779, for raising the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Pounds; the Rate-Bill for proportioning the Tax assessed in July last, for raising the Sum of Four Hundred Thousand Pounds; and the Rate-Bill for assessing the Tax of One Million of Pounds, upon the Inhabitants of this State : That the said Committee proceed and endeavour to proportion the Value of each and every Town within this State, that a due and equal Proportion of the Taxes may be laid upon the several Towns, according to their respective Abilities to pay the same : That each Town that apprehends itself to be overburthened in Proportion, have Liberty at the Expence of such Town to appoint a Person to meet the said Committee at such Time and Place as they shall appoint : That all Petitions presented to this Assembly respecting Taxation be referred : That each and every Town may present to the said Committee any Petition for Grievances respecting Taxation, which the said Committee are to enquire into; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to revise the Estimate.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. William West, Esq; William Bradford, and Essek Hopkins, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to meet the Commissioners from the other New-England States, and the State of New-York, in Convention, to be holden in Providence on the Twelfth Day of April next, for the Purpose of consulting and devising Ways and Means, that Congress may be invested with Power to collect and raise a permanent Fund, for the paying, cloathing and supporting the Army, and for discharging the Interest arising upon the Debts which have been contracted : That the said Committee be and they are hereby fully empowered to consult, deliberate and advise, with said Convention, in all and every Subject and Matter which may be brought into Contemplation, respecting the Welfare of the United States or our Allies, and in particular to take into Consideration the Subject-Matter of the Policy and Justice of admitting into Union and Confederation, with the

Committee to meet the Convention at Providence.

Thirteen United States of *America*, the People calling themselves the State of *Vermont*: *Provided*, That nothing which shall be done in the said Convention, in Consequence of this Appointment, be binding upon this State, until ratified by this Assembly.

M. Bowler and *N. Brown* temporary Commissioners. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mercalf Bowler*, and *Nicholas Brown*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed temporary Commissioners, for the Purpose of joining with a Commissioner to be sent from the Board of Treasury, to receive and liquidate the public Accounts within this State.

S. Southwick to draw £ 100. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; D.C.G.I. in this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same.

Committee to audit *N. Miller's* Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Joseph Brown*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Nathan Miller*, Esq; with the State; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Meal to be exchanged or sold. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons who are in Possession of the Indian Meal belonging to this State, which was ground for the Militia, be and they are hereby requested to exchange the same for Indian Corn, at the usual Rate of Exchange: And that in case the same cannot be effected, and the Meal is in Danger of being spoiled, they dispose of it at the best Prices, and account for the Money.

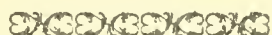
W. Bradford's Petition. WHEREAS Major *William Bradford* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that previous to the Reduction of the late Regiment commanded by Colonel *Sherburne*, he was appointed a Sub-Inspector in the Army, in which Employment he continued till the Close of the last Campaign: That he conceives his being in actual Service was either unknown or not adverted to, when this Assembly directed their Committee, in the Liquidation of the said Regiment's Accounts, to settle them up only to *May 1, 1780*, without discriminating him from the others, who were put out of Service by the Reduction of the said Regiment: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to direct the said Committee to adjust his Accounts to the First Day of *August* last, it being the Time to which the Accounts of the other Officers and Soldiers who were in Service were adjusted: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted: That the Subject-Matter thereof be referred to the Committee for settling Depreciation; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

N. Gardner, and *E. Hull*, permitted to go upon *Block-Island*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathan Gardner*, and *Edward Hull*, both of *South-Kingstown*, be and they are hereby permitted to go upon *Block-Island*, to settle their Rents in Arrear, and to lease out their Estates upon the said Island: That they have Leave to return to *South-Kingstown*, agreeably to a Petition by them preferred unto this Assembly;

bly; and that the same be done under the Inspection of *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq;

WHEREAS *Allen James*, of *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition *A. James's*
Petition
granted and represented unto this Assembly, that his Wife's Mother and Brother have both lately died in *Huntington*, upon *Long-Island*, and there left her a considerable personal Estate, which by Information is liable to be waisted, unless he applies for it soon: And thereupon prayed this Assembly that he may be permitted to go upon the said Island by the Way of *Connecticut*, or any other Way that shall be most convenient: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted; and that it be and hereby is recommended to *Col. Ledyard*, or the commanding Officer at *New-London* or *Groton*, to permit the said *Allen James* to pass to *Long-Island*, and back again, for the Purpose aforesaid, if the same shall not be thought detrimental to the public Service.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Benjamin Sheffield* be and he is *B. Sheffield*
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ham. hereby permitted to go upon *New-Shoreham*, to negotiate Bills left by the Enemy for Stock taken from his Estate on the said Island, and to return again, agreeably to the Prayer of a Petition by him preferred unto this Assembly; and that the same be done under the Inspection of *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq;



An A C T in Addition to, and Amendment of,
an Act, passed in *October*, A. D. 1779, entituled, “An Act for the better forming, regulating and conducting, the military Force of this State.”

WHEREAS no certain Sum of Money is affixed in the said Act amend-
ing the Mili-
tia Act. Act as a Penalty for Non-Appearance, or for Deficiency in any of the Articles of Equipment required thereby: And whereas unnecessary Delays are found to attend the Mode therein appointed, for collecting the Fines accruing for Non-Compliance with the said Act:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That every Person, liable by Law to do military Duty, who shall refuse or neglect to make his personal Appearance when duly warned, accounted as by the said Act is directed, for training or doing other military Duty, shall pay as a Fine for every Default of Non-Appearance the Sum of *Nine Shillings*, Lawful Money, for each Day's Neglect; unless he shall make a sufficient Excuse to the commanding Officer of his Company, within Ten Days next after such Default: That each Person, liable to do military Duty as aforesaid,

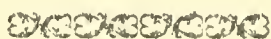
said (unless excused by the Town-Council of the Town to which he belongs for Inability to procure the same) who shall at any Time be found destitute of a good Gun, being his own Property, shall pay as a Fine *Six Shillings*, a Bayonet *Three Shillings*, a Belt *One Shilling*, a Cartouch-Box *Three Shillings*, a Ram-Rod *Two Shillings*, a Wormer *One Shilling*, a Priming-Wire *One Shilling*, Three good Flints *Three Shillings*: All which Fines shall be paid in Lawful Money, in Silver or Gold, or other Money equivalent thereto at the Time of Payment, and shall be paid by each Delinquent for each Article deficient as aforesaid: And that the said Fines shall be collected by Warrant of Distress, to be issued by the Captain or commanding Officer of the Company to which such Delinquent shall belong, in Ten Days from the Time such Default or Deficiency shall appear; which Warrant shall be directed to either of the Sergeants of the said Company, and be returnable within Four Weeks from the Time of issuing such Warrant.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Sergeant having such Warrant shall take and distrain sufficient of the personal Estate of the Delinquent, if to be found, to satisfy and pay his Fine or Fines, having first required him to pay the same, if he be to be found, with his Fees as aforesaid for distraining: That for Want of sufficient Estate, Goods and Chattels, of any Delinquent, to satisfy and pay as aforesaid, then such Sergeant shall commit him to the public Gaol in the County, there to remain until such Fine or Fines and Fees be paid: That in case such Delinquent be under the Age of Twenty-one Years, the Sergeant shall make Distress upon the Goods and Chattels of the Parent or Master of such delinquent Person; and for Want of such Goods and Chattels, shall commit such delinquent Person to Gaol as aforesaid: And that all Goods taken by Distraint shall be immediately advertised for Sale, and if not redeemed in Ten Days, shall be sold by such Sergeant at public Vendue, to pay such Fine or Fines and Fees; and the Overplus, if any shall remain, shall be returned to the Owner; but if he shall refuse to receive it, he shall have Credit for such Overplus towards his next Fine or Fines, and the same shall be lodged with the Captain or commanding Officer of the Company to which such Delinquent shall belong.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Sergeant who shall serve and execute any such Warrant, shall be allowed for his Fees Fifteen per Centum upon all Fines by him collected; which Fees shall be collected in Manner as aforesaid: That such Sergeant shall pay all Fines and Forfeitures, collected as aforesaid, to the said commanding Officer, who shall appropriate the same for the Purpose of furnishing Fifes and Drums for the Use of the Company, and to pay the Corporals for warning the Company, and also for purchasing Arms and Accoutrements for those who are unable to provide for themselves, under the Direction of the Town-Council of the Town to which they belong: And that such Officer shall annually account with the Town-Council for all Fines received by him: And in case a Balance shall be found due on the Settlement of any such Account, it shall be appropriated
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for the aforesaid Purposes, in such Manner as the Town-Council shall direct.

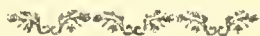
IT is Ordered, That the Secretary transmit, as soon as may be, a printed Copy of this Act to each Town-Clerk, and Field-Officer of the Militia, in the State.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings, in B. Bosworth Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of ^{allowed £ 16} the General-Treasury to Mr. Benjamin Bosworth; it being the Amount ^{21.} of an Account by him exhibited, for his Expences, &c. in estimating the Damages done by the Troops upon Rhode-Island, and Jamestown, in the Year 1776.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended ^{Recom-} to Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. to pay the Account of Mr. ^{mendation to} Samuel Anthony, exhibited unto this Assembly, amounting to Twenty- ^{B. Bourne to} seven Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, for going an Ex- ^{pay S. Antbo-} press from Newport, to his Excellency General Washington, in the Year 1776.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Nine Shillings, in Con- ^{G. Cornell al-} tinental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the Ge- ^{lowed £ 2} neral-Treasury to Mr. George Cornell, a Deputy Sheriff; it being the ^{91.} Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for serving Two Warrants, &c. upon Beriah Allen, and Job Durfee.



An ACT more effectually to prevent illicit Trade, Commerce and Correspondence, with the Enemies of this and the other United States of America.

WHEREAS divers Persons, Citizens of this or some of the A^{ct} to pre-
United States of America, residing within this State, lost to vent illicit
every Sense of Duty to their Country, and who receive Support Trade.
and Protection from the good and wholesome Laws thereof, have
been and still continue in the baneful and pernicious Practice of cor-
responding, and carrying on Trade and Commerce, with the open
and avowed Enemies of the United States of America, and supplying
them with such Necessaries as tend to protract the War, and frustrate
the Measures vigorously pursuing for the common Defence, Safety and
Independence, of these States; which Acts are, by the common Law
of the Land, and in the Estimation of all States, high Crimes and Mis-
demeanors, contrary to the Allegiance of the Subject, the Duty which
every Citizen is under, and highly punishable: But as it may be
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most expedient to point out more particularly the Criminality of such Acts, and to declare the Punishment which shall be inflicted upon such flagitious Offenders :

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Goods, Wares or Merchandize, imported from Long-Island, or New-Shoreham, alias Block-Island, or any other Island or Place in the Possession or under the Controul of the Enemy, shall be liable to Condemnation, and to be proceeded against as by this Act is directed ; one Half thereof, after all Charges are paid and satisfied, to the Person or Persons who shall find, seize, and prosecute the same to Condemnation, and the other Half thereof to and for the Use of this State, and to be paid into the General-Treasury thereof.

A N D it is also Enacted, That all Goods and Merchandize, which shall be imported from any Place subject to and within the Dominions of the King of Great-Britain, by Way of any neutral Port or otherwise, shall be liable to Seizure and Condemnation as aforesaid, in case it shall appear that such Goods shall have been purchased within the said Dominions, directly or indirectly, by or on Account of any Subject or Resident in this or either of the said United States.

*A N D be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, having just and probable Cause to suspect that any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, have been imported from Long-Island, or New-Shoreham, alias Block-Island, or any other Island or Place in Possession or under Controul of the Enemy, to seize and secure the same, if to be found in any Building or Place other than a Dwelling-House, or Shop, or Store, adjoining to a Dwelling-House, and not under Lock ; and having found the same, immediately to give Information thereof to some Magistrate, Justice of the Superior Court, or Justice of the Peace of the Town where such Goods shall be so found, who shall forthwith order the same Goods, Wares or Merchandize, to be deposited in the Hands of the Sheriff of the County wherein such Town may be, or of his Deputy, to be secured in such Place as the said Officer shall judge proper : That the said Officer, at the Time of his receiving the said Goods, shall procure the same to be appraised at their just Value in Silver Money, by two indifferent and discreet Persons, to be appointed by the Magistrate or Justice at the Time he shall order the same into the Custody of the Officer as aforesaid : And that such Magistrate or Justice be and he is hereby enjoined to make such Appraisement accordingly ; whereupon it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons, so seizing the said Goods, to file his or their Bill *Qui Tam* before an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be specially called in the same Manner and with the same Powers as Special Courts are usually held, or at the Superior Court of Judicature in the County wherein such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, shall be found and seized, where and when any Claimant may, if he shall see Cause, appear, and on or before the Second Day of the said Court file his or their Claim ; which Bill and Claim shall be committed to a Jury, to enquire if such Goods have been so imported or*

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not, and as the same shall appear, to return a Verdict for the Informer to recover the Goods, or that they be discharged, as shall appear to them in Evidence.

AND be it further Enacted, That upon any such Trial, in case the Prosecutor shall produce Evidence to make it probable that such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, were imported as aforesaid, the same shall be sufficient Evidence for condemning the same, unless the Person or Persons claiming Property therein shall prove by sufficient Evidence that the same were lawfully imported, and not from *Long-Island*, or any other Island or Place in Possession or under Controul of the Enemy.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That any Person having just Cause to suspect that any such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, have been so imported as aforesaid, and that the same are lodged or secreted in any Dwelling-House, Shop, Store, or other Building, under Lock, it shall and may be lawful for such Person to make Information thereof, upon Oath, before any Magistrate, Justice of the Superior Court, or Justice of the Peace of the Town where such Goods are suspected to be, whereupon such Magistrate, Judge, or Justice of the Peace, shall immediately issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of the said County, or his Deputy, or to the Constable of such Town, commanding them, or either of them, to take sufficient Aid, and to repair forthwith to the Place mentioned in such Information, and such House, Shop or other Building, in the Day-Time, between the Rising and Setting of the Sun, to enter, and, if Need be, to break any Locks of the same, and to make diligent Search for such Goods, Wares or Merchandize; and if he shall find the same, or any Part thereof, the same to take and secure, making Return thereof as soon as may be to said Magistrate, Judge, or Justice of the Peace, who shall immediately appoint Two indifferent discreet Persons to appraise the same Goods, whereupon such Informant shall, at either of said Courts, inform against the said Goods, Wares or Merchandize, in Manner and Form as in the Cases before mentioned. And any Person or Persons shall and may have the like Liberty, as in the Cases before mentioned, of putting in his Claim: And the Trial thereof shall be conducted as in those Cases before mentioned is ordered and directed.

AND it is further Enacted, That upon any Trials had in any such Cases as aforesaid, in case the Goods shall be acquitted, if it shall appear to the Court that there was probable Cause of Seizure, the Court shall tax the Cost, and give an Order upon the General-Treasurer for the one Half thereof, who shall pay the same; and the Prosecutor shall pay the other Half.

AND it is further Enacted, That all Goods, Wares or Merchandize, going or passing through this State, intended to be conveyed or transported to *Long-Island*, or *New-Shoreham*, alias *Block-Island*, or any other Island or Place in Possession of or under the Controul of the

the Enemy, and also all such Horses and Carriages, Vessels, Boats, or other Water-Craft, as shall be used and employed in conveying and bringing into this State any such Goods, Wares or Merchandize, or that shall be employed in conveying or transporting any Produce of this State, or other Goods, from or through this State to *Long-Island*, or *New-Shoreham*, alias *Block-Island*, or any other Island or Place in Possession of or under Controul of the Enemy, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized and proceeded against in like Manner as is before herein declared against Goods informed against in any Dwelling-House, Shop or Store; and upon Condemnation to go, all Charges being first paid, the One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the Use of this State.

AND it is further Enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall unlawfully import any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, from *Long-Island*, or *New-Shoreham*, alias *Block-Island*, or any Island or Place in the Possession of or under the Controul of the Enemy, or shall so export any Article or Articles of the Produce of this or any of the United States, or any other Goods, Wares or Merchandize, from this State to such Island or Place, or shall cause or procure the same to be so exported or imported, or shall knowingly aid or assist in such Exportation or Importation, and shall, upon Bill or Information before the Superior Court, be convicted thereof, he or they shall for the first Offence suffer Imprisonment not less than Three Months, nor exceeding Three Years, or be fined at the Discretion of such Court; and for the second Offence such Person or Persons shall forfeit the Whole of their real and personal Estate to the Use of this State, and be banished therefrom for Life; and upon their Return, or being found therein after such Banishment, shall suffer the Pains of Death, without Benefit of Clergy.

AND it is also Enacted, That if any Person, without Licence first had from the General Assembly, or the Governor and Three of the Assistants, or Upper House of this State, shall go to or upon *Long-Island*, or *New-Shoreham*, alias *Block-Island*, or any other Island or Place in the Possession of or under the Controul of the Enemy, or having such Licence, shall presume to purchase any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, or in any Manner to trade there, and shall be convicted thereof before any Superior Court, or Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in this State, by Bill or Information, such Person shall be disabled from having any such Licence in future, and shall not be thence afterwards permitted to reside within Ten Miles of the Sea, or of any navigable River within this State, over and above the Penalties already by Law inflicted for such Offence. And the Court, before which any such Conviction may be had, shall order the Place and Limits of such Person's Residence for a Term not exceeding Three Years. And in case any such Person, so convicted and sentenced as aforesaid, shall at any Time within the Term limited by the said Court presume to go beyond such Limits, or in any Manner transgress the Order or Sentence of said Court, every such Person shall,

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for every such Transgression, suffer Six Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize.

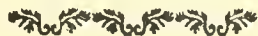
AND it is further Enacted, That any Person or Persons, who shall claim any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, Horses, Carriages, Vessel, Boat, or other Water-Craft, informed against as aforesaid, and shall fail of supporting his or their Claim, shall be sentenced by the Court before whom the Trial is had to pay all Costs of Condemnation: *Provided nevertbeless,* That no Person shall be admitted to lay in his Claim to the Property of such Goods or other Articles, in any of the Cases aforesaid, until he shall have given Bond in the Clerk's Office, to the Informant or General-Treasurer, with sufficient Surety for the Prosecution of such Claim with Effect.

AND it is further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted for any Thing done in Pursuance or Execution of this Act, he or they may plead the general Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence. And if the Plaintiff become Nonsuit, withdraw, or Verdict and Judgment pass against him, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and recover double Costs.

AND it is further Enacted, That no Inhabitant, or Person belonging to or residing in either of the said Islands, be permitted to have any Intercourse whatever with the Inhabitants of this State. And every such Inhabitant or Resident on the said Islands, who shall come into this State from either of the said Islands, shall be apprehended and considered as a Prisoner of War, and shall forfeit the Vessel or Boat in which he shall come from such Island; and all the Goods and Chattels found in his Possession, unless such Inhabitant or Resident shall previously obtain Liberty therefor from this Assembly, or from his Excellency the Governor, and Three of the Assistants; which Goods and Chattels shall be forfeited, One Half thereof to the Use of this State, and the other Half to the Person who shall inform against and prosecute any Person coming from either of the said Islands as aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

AND all Grand Jurors are required diligently to enquire after, and make Presentment of all Breaches of this Act.

AND it is Ordered, That this Act be published by the Secretary in the several News-Papers in this State; and that Copies thereof be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks, as soon as may be.



An Act for paying for Beef supplied several Towns.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in January last, for apportioning to the several Towns in this State, and for collecting fresh Beef for supplying the Army of the United States, *Act for the Payment for Beef supplied by several Towns.*

United States, it was therein among other Things *Resolved*, That if any Town should deliver any greater Quantity of Beef, or Sum of Money, than is assigned by the said Act, such Town shall be credited for such Quantity of Beef as they shall deliver over their Proportion, or for so much Beef as the Monies paid over their Proportion shall amount to, to be deducted from the next Proportion of Beef assigned to such Town : And whereas some of the said Towns, in Pursuance thereof, have delivered a greater Proportion in Beef or Money than was assigned them as aforesaid, whereby the Purchaser of said Beef was enabled, with the Credit which he obtained, to purchase and deliver double the Quantity of Beef for the Use aforesaid, than was expected by the said Apportionment :

WHEREFORE for discharging the Balances due and payable on the Fifth Day of May next, for the Beef purchased as aforesaid, and that the several Towns may contribute towards the same in an equal Proportion, agreeable to the Intent and Meaning of the said Act, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Towns hereafter named pay into the General-Treasury, on or before the said Fifth Day of May next, the several Sums, in Silver or Gold, herein respectively apportioned to them, to be appropriated as aforesaid, *to wit* :

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|-------------------|-------|----|---|
| Newport, | £ 61 | 0 | 0 |
| Portsmouth, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamestown, | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Middletown, | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Little-Compton, | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Providence, | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Glocester, | 67 | 10 | 0 |
| Cumberland, | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| Cranston, | 50 | 5 | 0 |
| Johnston, | 25 | 15 | 0 |
| North-Providence, | 18 | 8 | 0 |
| Westerly, | 39 | 5 | 0 |
| North-Kingstown, | 55 | 8 | 0 |
| South-Kingstown, | 68 | 12 | 0 |
| Charlestown, | 32 | 7 | 0 |
| Richmond, | 28 | 12 | 0 |
| Exeter, | 41 | 14 | 0 |
| Hopkinton, | 34 | 13 | 0 |
| Warren, | 15 | 13 | 0 |
| Barrington, | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Warwick, | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| East-Greenwich, | 29 | 12 | 0 |
| West-Greenwich, | 30 | 8 | 0 |
| Coventry, | 41 | 0 | 0 |
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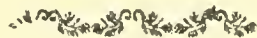
IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer make and deliver to the Persons, of whom he shall receive the Sums
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of Money, or any Part thereof, as aforesaid, Certificates of the Amount of the Sums so received, mentioning the Name of the Person and Town on whose Account the same is received; which said Certificates shall discharge so much as is therein expressed, of the next State Tax which shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State, for Gold or Silver; and the General-Treasurer is directed to receive the same accordingly.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That in case any Town shall neglect to pay the Money assigned them, and within the Time aforesaid, such delinquent Town shall forfeit and pay into the General-Treasury, for the Use of this State, double the Sum in which they shall be deficient, to be collected by adding the same to the next succeeding Tax which shall be assessed upon such Town.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer make a Report to the next Assembly, of the Monies which he shall receive in Pursuance hereof, that double the Deficiency, if any, may be added to the next State Tax, which shall be assessed against the delinquent Towns in Manner as aforesaid.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That a Copy hereof be immediately transmitted to the Town-Clerk of each of the afore mentioned Towns,



WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to appraise and set off, to the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Army, the Lands and Buildings which were assigned unto them in Part of their Depreciation, have set off the Farm late — *Hatchinson's*, and the Farm late — *Aptborp's*, lying in *Jamestown*; the House and Lot of Land in *Newport* late — *Lawton's*, and the House and Lot late — *Deblois's*, in *Providence*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons to whom the same were respectively set off have the immediate Possession of the same delivered unto them: *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Rents for the Year ensuing, of the Farm improved by — *Davis*, late — *Royal's*, be received by the said Officers; the said Farm being appropriated towards discharging their Depreciation.

Possession of
divers Estates
of Absentees
to be set off
to the Officers,
&c.

WHEREAS divers Goods, Wares and Merchandize, have been seized, and are now in the Possession of the Sheriffs of the Counties of *King's County* and *Newport*, upon Suspicion of being imported from *Long-Island* and *New-Shoreham*, which are in the Possession or under the Controul of the Enemy: And as the same are liable to Condemnation, in such Manner as this Assembly shall order, *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Attorney-General of this State, in Behalf of the same, file in the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the

Attorney-
General to
file Informations
against
illicit Goods,
&c.

the County of *Newport*, Informations against the said Goods, Wares and Merchandize: That the said Clerk give Notice thereof in the *Newport News-Paper*, that any Claimant may (if he see Cause) appear and file his Claim, on or before the Second Day of the Sitting of the said Superior Court, which shall first be held in the said County: That the said Court be and they are hereby empowered to take Cognizance of the said Informations and Claims, and commit the same to a Jury, to enquire if such Goods, Wares and Merchandize, have been so imported or not, who shall return a Verdict for the Condemnation or Discharge of the same, as shall appear in Evidence; and the said Court shall enter Judgment thereon accordingly.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if upon the said Trials any Evidence shall be produced to make it probable that such Goods, &c. were imported as aforesaid, it shall be sufficient Evidence for condemning the same, unless the Person or Persons claiming Property therein shall by sufficient Evidence prove that the same were lawfully imported, and not from *Long-Island*, or any other Island or Place in the Possession or under the Controul of the Enemy.

AND whereas Part of the said Goods, Wares and Merchandize, were seized as aforesaid, in Consequence of Information given of the same being imported as aforesaid, whereby the Informants are entitled to and do expect to receive the same Allowances as are provided in the Act passed at the present Session, to prevent an illicit Trade with the Enemy: *It is therefore further Enacted*, That the One Half of all the Goods, Wares and Merchandize, which were informed against, and which shall appear to have been imported as aforesaid, after all Charges allowed by the said Court are paid and satisfied, shall be condemned to the Person or Persons who gave such Information, and the other Half Part shall be paid into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State; and that such of the said Goods, Wares and Merchandize, which have been so imported, and were not informed against as aforesaid, be condemned, after all Charges are paid as aforesaid, to the Use of this State.

J. Northup
and others
allowed £ 1
16 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *John Northup*, *Peter Phillips*, and *Robert Brown*; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for settling a Dispute between the State and *John Howland*.

W. Richmond
allowed £ 10
6 s. 5 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds Six Shillings and Five-pence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *William Richmond*, Esq; the same being in full Satisfaction for the Balance of an Account by him exhibited for his Services in surveying and selling the State's Farms.

R. Congdon
allowed £ 6.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Benjamin Peckham* be and he is hereby empowered to draw Six Pounds, Lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, out of the General Treasury; it being in Part of the Depreciation

tion Money due to *Robert Congdon*, a Soldier in the Continental Army, in the Pay of this State; and that he apply the same to and for the Use of the said *Robert Congdon*, and his Family.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Elisha Mowry*, jun. the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services in surveying and viewing the Farms set off to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalions. E. Mowry, jun. allowed £7 10s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *John Jenckes*, Esq; it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him presented, for his Services in surveying and viewing the Farms set off to the Officers and Soldiers in this State's Continental Battalions, &c. J. Jenckes allowed £7 10s.

WHEREAS *Abraham Whipple*, Esq; Commander of the Naval Force of the United States at the Siege of *Charleston*, in *South-Carolina*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that after the Surrender of the said Town and Shipping, he made Application to Vice-Admiral *Arbutnot*, and obtained the Paroles of the Officers of the Squadron under his Command, and Permission to charter a Vessel for the Return of a specified Number of the same: That he drew a Bill for the Hire of the said Vessel to the Amount of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, in Favour of *Gregory Cozzens*, the Master thereof, and addressed the same for Payment to *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; Continental Agent at *Providence*, who having no Money at the Arrival of the said Cartel, referred the said Bill to the Honourable the Commissioners of the Continental Navy-Board in the Eastern Department: That the said Board acceded to the Propriety of the said Bill's being paid by the Public, but Want of Money prevented it; and that the said *Gregory Cozzens* sold the said Bill to *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; who immediately put it in Suit, and hath obtained Execution against him for the same, returnable at May Court ensuing: And thereupon the said *Abraham Whipple* prayed that the said Execution may be stayed, and an Opportunity afforded to the Commissioners of the said Navy-Board to collect the Money. A. Whipple's Petition granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, by and with the Consent of the Parties, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; and that Interest be allowed to the said *Christopher Ellery* on the said Execution until the same shall be satisfied.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to adjust the Depreciation Accounts of the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Army, in the Pay of this State, be and they are hereby directed to adjust the Depreciation Account of Ensign *Ezekiel Cooke*, in the same Manner as they have adjusted the Accounts of the other Officers; E. Cooke allowed Depreciation.

cers ; it being agreeably to the Report of the Committee who considered his Memorial presented for that Purpose.

B. Clark's *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of Mr. *Elisba Clarke*,
Petition re- who was returned as a Delinquent in the Expedition on *Rhode-Island*,
ferred to the in the Year 1778, praying that he may be relieved therefrom, be and
Town of the same is hereby referred to the next Town-Meeting of the Town of
North-King- *North-Kingstown*; and that the said Town-Meeting consider the same,
stown. and cause what to Right and Justice shall appertain to be done unto
the Petitioner.

W. Corey's *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of *William Corey*, of *North-*
Petition re- *Kingstown*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he may be liber-
ferred to the ated from his Confinement in the said Town, be and the same is here-
Town of by referred to the next Town-Meeting of the said Town; and that
North-King- the said Town-Meeting do what shall be prudent and right thereon.
stown.

W. Bradford *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, in
allowed £ 44 Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the
16 s. General-Treasury to *William Bradford*, Esq; the same being in full
Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for his Services in leasing
the State's Farms, receiving the Rents, and paying the same into the
General-Treasury.

Commissary *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commissary of Purchases within
to make no this State be and he is hereby directed to make no more Purchases in
more Pur- Behalf of this State, until the further Orders of this Assembly.
chases.

S. Ward to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward* be and
make out the he is hereby requested to make out the Pay-Abstracts for the non-
Abstracts for commissioned Officers and Soldiers who enlisted into this State's Con-
the Six tinental Battalions, to serve for Six Months: That the Secretary fur-
Months nish the said *Samuel Ward* with the necessary Papers, to enable him to
Men. complete the said Abstracts, if they are in his Office; if not, that he
make Application to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Continental
Army, in this Department, for the Muster-Rolls of the said Corps:
That the respective Towns be and they are hereby required to fur-
nish the said *Samuel Ward* with any Enlistments, or other Documents
in their Possession, that may enable him to complete the said Busi-
ness; and that each Town which has paid or shall pay their said Sol-
diers, shall have the Amount of their Wages deducted out of their
next State Tax.

R. J. Helme WHEREAS from the frequent Meetings of the General Assembly,
to assist the and the Multiplicity of Business which is necessarily transacted
Secretary. therein, the Records of this State are not fully brought up to this Peri-
od, and the Schedules have not been so timely forwarded to the respec-
tive Towns as otherwise might have been: *It is therefore Voted and*
Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to
assist the Secretary in the said Office, that the Acts and Votes of the
Assembly may be fully recorded, and the Schedules transmitted to the
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the respective Towns in due Season: That this Assembly will make such Allowances unto the said *Rowse J. Helme*, as his Services may merit; and that the Secretary do not charge any Thing to the State for transcribing the Votes and Acts of this Assembly which shall be done by the said *Rowse J. Helme*, in order to prepare the same for the Presis.

WHEREAS the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, which was to have been held at *Newport* on the First Monday in *April* last, were necessarily prevented from convening: Wherefore, that all Matters, civil and criminal, pending before the said Court, may be heard and determined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Court be revived, and holden at said *Newport*, on the Third Wednesday of *May* inst. That the said Court then hear and determine all Matters and Things pending, or which shall be brought before the same, of which they can by Law take Cognizance: And that Grand and Petit Jurors be drawn to attend the said Court, and be proceeded against for Non-Attendance, agreeable to Law.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Clerk of the said Court, by Advertisement in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers, notify the Persons interested in the Lands described in the Informations pending before the said Court, then to appear, and answer the same: That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* cause the Jurors aforesaid to be notified hereof: And that a Copy of these Resolves be published in the aforesaid News-Papers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Pounds Two Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Beriah Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for apprehending a *William Rhodes*, &c. by a Warrant from Two Justices of the Superior Court.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Robert Rodman*, jun. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Eight Bushels of Corn furnished for the Use of Col. *Thomas Potter's* Regiment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sevenpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Elijah Bacon*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Expences, &c. in going to *Boston*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Ellery*, and *William Taggart*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of the former Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Newport*, the Papers, &c. belonging to his Office, and deliver the same to the present Clerk of the said Court; and that the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport* cause the Papers belonging to his

Superior Court at *Newport* revived.

B. Waite allowed £ 8 2s.

R. Rodman, jun. allowed £ 4 6s. 4d.

E. Bacon allowed £ 4 12s. 7d.

Records of the Superior and Inferior Courts at *Newport* to be removed.

his Office to be brought from *Rebobo*, and deposited in the House of and under the Care of *Pardon Gray*, Esq;

Recommendation to B. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. to pay to the Town-Council of *Portsmouth*, to and for the Use of the said Town, the Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission; the said Sum being in full Satisfaction for a House belonging to the said Town of *Portsmouth*, taken for public Use by Order of Major-General *Heath*.
£ 54.

C. *Albro* allowed £ 5 5s. 2d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Five Shillings and Two-pence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Clark Albro*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *King's County*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of *Elisha Siffon*, a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State.

S. *Burr* allowed £ 12 12s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Shubael Burr*; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for the Entertainment of his Excellency General *Washington* and his Suit.

P. *Turner* allowed £ 54. and J. *Parish* £ 27. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifty-four Pounds*, Lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Peter Turner*, Surgeon: That *Twenty-seven Pounds* like Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Parish*, Surgeon's Mate; the said Sums being in Part of Money due to them on Account of the Depreciation of their Wages; and that the same be not paid until the Officers who are about to join the Army be first paid.

R. *Sands* permitted to go upon *Block-Island*. WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Sands*, of *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that his Father is possessed of a large real Estate upon *Block-Island*, which he has committed to his Care; and thereupon prayed this Assembly, that he may be permitted to go upon the said Island, under the Inspection of *Gideon Hoxfie*, Esq; and bring off such Articles of Produce as have been raised upon the said Estate: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Robert Sands* be and he is hereby permitted to go upon the said Island, under the Direction of *Gideon Hoxfie*, Esq; and that he do not return without the Order of this Assembly.

E. *Tefft* allowed £ 9 3s. 7d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Three Shillings and Sevenpence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, &c.

F. *Perry* allowed £ 9 18s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Freeman Perry*; it being the Amount of

of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as an Assistant-Secretary, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of King's County; the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him presented, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session: *B. Brown allowed £ 11 8 s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence, in the Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Rowse J. Helme, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Paper furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Clerk of the Lower House. *R. J. Helme allowed £ 14 7 s. 6 d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Stephen Mumford be and he is hereby empowered to draw Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to discharge a Note given to George Irish, Esq; and his other Contracts in purchasing Beef for the State; and that the same be paid out of the Money ordered by this Assembly to be collected for Beef. *S. Mumford to draw £ 538 10 s. 6 d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Eight Shillings, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Edward Perry, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for assisting the Justices of the Superior Court in examining Persons respecting the illicit Trade. *E. Perry allowed £ 6 8 s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Two Shillings and Fivepence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Daniel Tafft the 3d; it being the Amount of an Account by him presented, for One Cord of Wood by him delivered for the Use of this Assembly, &c. *D. Tafft the 3d allowed £ 2 2 s. 5 d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. David Douglass, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, &c. *D. Douglass allowed £ 9 18 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS the State-House in the County of *Newport* was used as a Barrack by the Enemy, during the Time they were in Possession of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, whereby the same was so much injured, that this Assembly nor the Courts of Law cannot be accommodated therein, unless large Sums of Money be expended in the Repair thereof: And whereas the said Courts have heretofore met in the Synagogue, in the Town of *Newport*, which with a small Expence may be rendered convenient for this Assembly and the said Courts: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of* *Seats to be provided for the General Assembly in Newport.*

Newport, under the Direction of the present Deputies of the said Town, cause such a Number of Benches to be placed in the said Synagogue, as will accommodate the Members of this Assembly; and that he purchase Two Tables and Twelve Chairs for the Use aforesaid.

C. Albrow allowed £15.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Pounds, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Clark Albrow*, a wounded Soldier; the same being in Compensation for a Wound he received in the Expedition on *Rhode-Island*, A.D. 1778.

Mrs. ———
Butts to prosecute her Right in Land late *J. Lawton's*.

WHEREAS a certain Lot of Land, situate in *Newport*, containing about Four Acres, was confiscated to the Use of this State, as the Property of *Isaac Lawton*: And whereas, since the Confiscation thereof, it hath been represented to this Assembly, that Mrs. ——— *Butts*, Widow of *John Butts*, Esq; deceased, hath a Right to an Equity of Redemption in the same; it having been mortgaged to the said *Isaac Lawton* by her said Husband: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Mrs. *Butts* be and she is hereby empowered to prosecute any Action or Bill for the Recovery of any Right she may have in the same, the said Judgment of Confiscation notwithstanding. *Provided*, That this State continue in the Possession of the said Land, until such Action or Bill so to be commenced be finally determined.

Inhabitants of *Newport* to subscribe the Test.

WHEREAS there are a Number of Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, well-affected to the United States of *America*, who have not had an Opportunity to comply with the Law of this State, prescribing a Test to be subscribed by the Inhabitants thereof, on Account of the Enemy's having Possession of the said Town, whereby they are deprived of the Privilege of voting: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Inhabitants be and they are hereby permitted to subscribe the said Test, with the Approbation of *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; and the Deputies of the said Town.

Inhabitants of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown* to subscribe the Test.

WHEREAS there are a Number of Inhabitants of the Towns of *Portsmouth* and *Middletown*, well-affected to the United States of *America*, who have not had an Opportunity to comply with the Law of this State, prescribing a Test to be subscribed by the Inhabitants thereof, on Account of the Enemy's having Possession of the said Towns, whereby they are deprived of the Privilege of voting: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Inhabitants of the said Towns be and they are hereby permitted to subscribe the said Test, with the Approbation of the Presidents of the Town-Council, and Deputies of the said Towns respectively.

R. J. Helme empowered to sell a Long-Boat.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to sell, at public Vendue, a Long-Boat, belonging to this State, lying in *South-Kingstown*, on *Boston-Neck*; and that he pay the Money, arising from the Sale thereof, into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Gladding* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that during the Alarm in *July* and *August*, *J. Gladding*, A. D. 1780, he served as Conductor in the Laboratory at *Providence*: *£ 2 6s. 2d.* That by Mistake, in making out the Laboratory-Abstract, he is entitled to no more than a Private; and thereupon prayed for Relief: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *Jonathan Gladding*, in full Satisfaction for his said Services, which, with what has already been paid him, amounts to the Pay and Rations of a Lieutenant in the Artillery.

WHEREAS *Joshua Randall*, formerly of the State of *Connecticut*, who has resided for some Time on the Farm of Col. *John Gardner*, hath been detected in harbouring and concealing Persons from *Long-Island*, with their Goods: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* be and he is hereby directed to convey the said *Joshua Randall* out of this State, within Twenty Days after he shall be discharged from his Recognizance by the Superior Court; and that if he shall return, the Sheriffs of either of the Counties in this State be and they are hereby directed to apprehend him, and commit him to close Confinement in either of the Gaols in this State, there to remain until the further Orders of this Assembly. *J. Randall to be sent out of the State.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the First *Tuesday* in *May* next, then to meet at *Newport*; but, if not called before, nor at that Time, that this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved. *Adjournment.*

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Swin

May, 1781.

A T the G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousind Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

William Greene, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

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| THOMAS WELLS, Esq; | } | Assistants, |
| RICHARD FRY, Esq; | | |
| ENOCH HAZARD, Esq; | | |
| CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq; | | |

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Daniel Holloway, Esq;
 William Channing, Esq;
 William Taggart, Esq;
 Robert Elliott, Esq;
 Job Easton, Esq;
 Mr. Timothy Waterhouse,

Providence :

Welcome Arnold, Esq;
 Charles Keen, Esq;
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Theodore Foster, Esq.

Portsmouth :

Mr. David Gifford,
 Mr. William Anthony, jun.
 Mr. Robert Lawton.

Warwick :

Thomas Holden, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Christopher Greene, Esq.

Westerly :

David Maxson, Esq;
 Edward Bliven, Esq.

North-Kingstown :

Ezekiel Gardner, jun. Esq;
 Sylvester Gardner, Esq.

South-Kingstown :

Mr. Robert Potter,
 Rouse J. Helme, Esq.

East-Greenwich :

Archibald Crary, Esq;
 Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq.

Jamestown :

Mr. John Weeden,
 Mr. John Howland.

Smithfield :

Andrew Waterman, Esq;
 Mr. Henry Jenckes.

Scituate :

William Rhodes, Esq;
 Rufus Hopkins, Esq.

Gloucester :

Mr. Simon Smith.

Charlestown :

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;
 Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq.

West-Greenwich :

Thomas Gorton, Esq;
 Jonathan Comstock, Esq.

Coventry :

Israel Bowen, Esq;
 Stephen Potter, Esq.

Exeter :

John Chapman, Esq;
 Thomas Wilcox, Esq.

Middletown :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,
 George Irish, Esq.

Bristol :

William Bradford, Esq,
 Nathaniel Fales, Esq.

Tiverton :

Mr. Joseph Shearman.

Little-Compton :

William Richmond, Esq;
 Isaac Bale, Esq.

Warren :

Cromel Child, Esq;
 William T. Miller, Esq.

Cumberland :

Mr. Levi Ballou,
 Jotham Carpenter, Esq.

Richmond :

Robert Stanton, Esq;
 Mr. Christopher Clarke.

Cranston :

Peter Burlingame. Esq.

Hopkinton :

George Thurston, Esq;
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

Johnston :

John Smith, Esq;
 Andrew Harris, Esq.

North-Providence :

Esek Hopkins, Esq;
 John Jenckes, Esq.

Barrington :

Samuel Allin, Esq.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and
 ROUSE J. HELME, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, Officers chosen both Civil and Military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit*:

His Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. *Jubez Bowen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.

John I. Clarke, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wells, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

John Syles, Esq, Third Assistant.

Jonathan Arnold, Esq; Fourth Assistant.

Richard Fry, Esq; Fifth Assistant.

John Northup, Esq; Sixth Assistant.

Enoch Hazard, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

Christopher Ellery, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

John Cook, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

Daniel Owen, Esq; Tenth Assistant.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

William Channing, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

Honorable *William Ellery*, Esq;

Honorable *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq;

Honorable *Daniel Mowry*, Esq;

Honorable *James Mitchel Varnum*, Esq;

Gideon Mumford, Esq; Fifth Assistant in the Room of *Richard Fry*, Esq; who declined. Engaged.

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| <i>Paul Mumford</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of As- size, and General Gaol De- livery, in and throughout the State. |
| <i>Peter Phillips</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Thomas Tillinghast</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Ambrose Page</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Pardon Gray</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

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May, 1781.

Christopher Lippitt, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Nathan Miller, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

Thomas Holden Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Christopher Olney, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Jesse Maxson, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Peter Chursh, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Lemuel Bailey, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

George Peck, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Charles Dyre, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Stephen Kimball, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Potter, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Asa Kimball, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

James Burrill, Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Davis, Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Daniel

Daniel Mowry, Esq; (the 4th). Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Joseph Knight, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Winsor, Esq; Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Joseph Pendleton, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Jonathan Bates, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Richard Bailey, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Peleg Heath, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Thomas Gorton, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Amos Atwell, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Gideon Hoxfie, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Reuben Ballou, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Sylvester Gardner, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Robert Carr, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Isaac Johnson, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Archibald Crary, Esq; Adjutant-General of the Militia in this State.

James Lovett, Esq; Quarter-Master-General of the Militia in this State.

May, 1781.

Charles Holden, Esq; Commissary-General of the Militia in this State.

Jonathan Arnold, Esq; Director and Purveyor-General of the Hospitals for the Militia in this State.

Isaac Senter, Esq; Surgeon and Physician-General of the Militia in this State.

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| <i>Benjamin Underwood, Esq;</i> Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>William Richmond, Esq;</i> Second | |
| <i>William Taggart, Esq;</i> Third | |
| <i>Christopher Ellery, Esq;</i> Fourth | |
| <i>Timothy Waterhouse, Esq;</i> Fifth | |

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| <i>Richard Steere, Esq;</i> Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;</i> Second | |
| <i>David Howell, Esq;</i> Third | |
| <i>Caleb Aldrich, Esq;</i> Fourth | |
| <i>Caleb Fisk, Esq;</i> Fifth | |

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| <i>Samuel Babcock, Esq;</i> Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's County</i> . |
| <i>John Northup, Esq;</i> Second | |
| <i>Edward Perry, Esq;</i> Third | |
| <i>Abel Tanner, Esq;</i> Fourth | |
| <i>Robert Potter, Esq;</i> Fifth | |

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| <i>Nathaniel Fales, Esq;</i> Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>John Child, Esq;</i> Second | |
| <i>Joseph Reynolds, Esq;</i> Third | |
| <i>Josiah Humphry, Esq;</i> Fourth | |
| <i>Samuel Allen, Esq;</i> Fifth | |

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| <i>Philip Greene, Esq;</i> Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>James Arnold, Esq;</i> Second | |
| <i>Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq;</i> Third | |
| <i>Aaron Bowen, Esq;</i> Fourth | |
| <i>Rufus Spencer, Esq;</i> Fifth | |

John Foster, Esq; Judge of the Court of Admiralty erected for the Trial of Prize-Causes, within and throughout the State.

Walter Channing, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Edward Perry, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *King's County*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Andrew Boyd, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Constant Tabor, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Freeman Perry, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's County*.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

John Beverly, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*.

Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Richard Fry, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Henry Ward, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*.

Robert Elliott, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*.

Justices

May, 1781.

Justices of the Peace for the several Towns.

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| <i>Newport :</i> | Joshua Davis, | Caleb Arnold, |
| Solomon Southwick | Esquires. | Stephen Steere, |
| Robert Taylor, | <i>South-Kingstown :</i> | Aaron Arnold, |
| John Pitman, | Samuel Tafft, | John Smith (Son of Benjamin) |
| William Borden, | Nathaniel Gardner, | Timothy Wilmarth, |
| Daniel Holloway, | Samuel Perry, | Esquires. |
| Job Easton, Esqrs. | Freeman Perry, | <i>Charlestown :</i> |
| <i>Providence :</i> | Caleb Tafft, | Peleg Crofs, |
| Samuel Chace, | Richard Gardner, | James Congdon, |
| John Foster, | James Sheldon, | Nathaniel Sheffield, |
| Theodore Foster, | Esquires. | Esquires. |
| Joseph Martin, | <i>East-Greenwich :</i> | <i>West-Greenwich :</i> |
| Nathaniel Wheaton, | Hopkins Cooke, | Benjamin Johnson, |
| Benj. Cushing, jun. | Isaac Johnson, | Jonathan Niles, |
| James Arnold, | Allen Johnson, | Jonathan Deane, |
| Thomas Truman, | Benj Tillinghast, | Thomas Joslyn, |
| Esquires. | Richard Mathewson | Gideon Waite, |
| <i>Portsmouth :</i> | Christopher Vaug- | Esquires. |
| Thomas Shearman, | han, Esquires. | <i>Coventry :</i> |
| John Thurston, | <i>Smithfield :</i> | John Rice, |
| Thomas Potter, | Stephen Arnold, | William Stone. |
| Esquires. | Uriah Alverfon, | Jonathan Olden, |
| <i>Warwick :</i> | Jona. Comstock, | Isaac Johnson, |
| Thomas Rice, | Stephen Brayton, | Will'm Burlingame, |
| Adam Comstock, | Abraham Mathew- | Esquires. |
| Robert Rhodes, | son, | <i>Exeter :</i> |
| William Greene | Daniel Mowry, | George Pierce, |
| (Son of Philip) | (the 4th) | Jonathan Bates, |
| James Jerauld, | Edward Thompson, | Newman Perkins, |
| Esquires. | Esquires. | William Hall, Esqrs. |
| <i>Westerly :</i> | <i>Scituate :</i> | <i>Middletown :</i> |
| Joseph Craudall, | Benjamin Slack, | Joseph Peabody, |
| Joseph Clarke, | Jeremiah Angell, | Thomas Peckham, |
| Joseph Maxson, | Peleg Fiske, | Oliver Durfee, |
| Daniel Rogers, | John Westcott, | Esquires. |
| Christop'r Babcock, | Stephen Kimball, | <i>Bristol :</i> |
| Esquires. | William Tyler, | Josiah Finney, |
| <i>North-Kingstown :</i> | George Dorrance, | John Howland, jun. |
| William Hammond, | jun. Esquires. | John Coomer, |
| Eber Shearman, | <i>Gloucester :</i> | Daniel Bradford, |
| George Thomas | Jonah Steere, | Esquires. |
| (Son of Samuel) | Silas Williams, | <i>Tiverton :</i> |
| Caleb Hill, | Zebedee Hopkins, | Walter Cook, |
| Daniel Hall, | jun. | Gilbert |

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| Gibert Devol, | <i>Richmond:</i> | <i>Johnston:</i> |
| Joseph Almy, | Robert Stanton, | Abraham Belknap, |
| Benjamin Jenckes, | Joseph Woodman- | Noah Mathewson, |
| Esquires | sie, jun. | Caleb Harris, |
| <i>Little-Compton:</i> | Thomas Tefit, | Peleg Williams, |
| Aaron Wilbour, | Esquires. | Andrew Harris, |
| Adam Simmons, | <i>Cranston:</i> | Edward Fenner, |
| Enos Gifford, | Nehemiah Knight, | Joseph Borden, jun. |
| Isaac Bailey, Esqrs. | Andrew Harris, | Esquires. |
| <i>Warren:</i> | William Burton, | <i>North Providence:</i> |
| William T. Miller, | Elisba Carpenter, | William Bagley, |
| William Barton, | Esquires. | Hope Angell, |
| Daniel Cole, Esqrs. | <i>Hopkinton:</i> | Esquires. |
| <i>Cumberland:</i> | John Maxson, | <i>Barrington:</i> |
| John Dexter, | Edward Wells, | Edward Bosworth, |
| Peter Darling, | Robert Burdick, | Moses Tyler, |
| Nathaniel Shep- | Francis West, | Solomon Town- |
| herdson, | Rouse Babcock, | send, jun. Esquires. |
| Jotham Carpenter, | Matthew Wells, | |
| Levi Ballou, Esqrs. | Esquires. | |

Whereas Mrs. *Content Warner*, of *Newport*, preferred a Pe- Petition of C:
tition, and represented unto this Assembly, That her Hus- Warner granted
band *John Warner* is now in *New York*, and is desirous of
having her with him; and thereupon prayed this Assembly
to permit her to go to *New York* by the same Conveyance
which Mrs. *Deslaheur* shall improve; and that she may take
with her such Necessaries as she may have Occasion for:
Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That
the said *Content Warner* be and she is hereby permitted to
proceed to *New York* in the Cartel with Mrs. *Deslaheur*, and
to carry such Articles of Household Furniture, &c. as *William*
Taggart. Esq; shall approve of; and that she be under the
Direction of the commanding Officer of the Troops at
Newport.

Upon the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Towns of *Petition for*
Westerly, *Charlestown* and *Hopkinton*, preferred unto this As- dissolving the
sembly, praying that the incorporated Company of Artillery Artillery Com-
belonging to the said Towns may be dissolved, *It is Voted* y, &c. referred,
and *Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the next
Session of this Assembly; and that in the mean Time the
Officers of the said Company be served with a Copy of the
said Petition, and cited to appear at the next Session of this
Assembly, to answer unto the same, if they shall see fit.

E. Lewis allowed £2 10s 7d. Whereas Mr. *Elijah Lewis* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the State, for the Time and Expences of his Son in carrying Certificates to the General and Field-Officers in the County of *King's County*, by Order of his Excellency the Governor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof be allowed; and that the Sum of *Two Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven Pence Halfpenny*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid therefor, out of the General-Treasury, to his Excellency the Governor to discharge the same.

B. Bourne allowed £600. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Two Thousand Dollars*, in the Continental new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of his Department; and that he repay the same as soon as possible.

E. Thayer allowed £30. Upon the Petition of Mr. *Esau Thayer*, of *Providence*, a wounded Soldier belonging to Col. *Daniel Tillinghast's* Company of Artillery, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Grant of Money may be made him, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Charles Keen* be and he is hereby empowered to receive the Sum of *One Hundred Dollars*, of the Continental new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, in Order to support and maintain the said *Esau Thayer* in his distressed State.

U. Stone allowed £15. Upon the Petition of Mr. *Uriah Stone*, who lost his Arm while in Public Service, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Grant of Money may be made him, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Uriah Stone* be and he is hereby empowered to receive, out of the General-Treasury, the Sum of *Fifty Dollars*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, as a further Gratuity, and in full Compensation from this State for his Misfortune.

E. Chase allowed £30. Upon the Petition of Mr. *Ezra Chase*, a wounded Soldier of the late Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. *Robert Elliott*, who lost the Use of both his Hands, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Grant of Money may be made him, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Ezra Chase* be and he is hereby empowered to receive *One Hundred Dollars*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, in Compensation for his Misfortune.

Whereas

Whereas *John Jenckes*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, *J. Jenckes* al-
 an Account by him charged against the State, for sundry ^{lowed} £55 5s
 Bills by him paid for repacking and trucking of Beef, amount-^{4d ½.}
 ing to *Twenty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence*,
 Silver Money: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and*
Resolved, That the same be allowed; and that the Sum of
Fifty-five Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny, in
 Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid unto the
 said *John Jenckes*, out of the General-Treasury, in order to
 discharge the said Account.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Class in *Coventry*, where- *C. Vaughan's*
 of *Caleb Vaughan, jun*, is Head, be allowed until the Twenty- ^{Class allowed}
 fifth Day of this Instant *May*, to furnish an able-bodied ef- ^{a further Time}
 fective Recruit, to serve in the Continental Army for Three
 Years, or during the War; and, in Case such Recruit be not
 furnished at the Expiration of the said Time, that the Per-
 son detached in said Class be sent forward to the Army, a-
 greeable to Law.

Upon the Petition of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; of *Pravidence*, *J. Wanton's Pe-*
 (Son of *Gideon Wanton*, Esq; late of *Newport*, deceased) ^{tion referred,}
 which was referred from the last to the present Session of
 this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Peti-
 tion be referred to the next Session of this Assembly: That
 the said *Joseph Wanton* then produce a Copy of the Judg-
 ment referred to in the said Petition; and that *Col. John*
Topham, who is said to be in Possession of the Estate mention-
 ed therein, be cited to appear and shew Cause, if any he hath,
 why the Prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. William Ennis* be and *W. Ennis* ap-
 he is hereby appointed an Ensign in *Col. Christopher Greene's* ^{pointed an En-}
 Continental Battalion, in the Pay of this State, to take Rank ^{sign.}
 from the First of *April* last.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent- *W. Ennis* to be
 Clothier for this State, furnish *Mr. William Ennis*, an Ensign ^{furnished with}
 in *Col. Christopher Greene's* Battalion, with Cloth for One ^{a Suit of}
 Uniform Coat, Waistcoat, and Pair of Breeches, with the ^{Cloaths.}
 Trimmings, and Linnen sufficient for Three Shirts, suitable
 for his Rank; and that the same be charged unto the said
William Ennis, and deducted out of the Depreciation Money
 due to him.

Whereas

May, 1781.

W. and S. Wall Whereas Messrs. *William* and *Samuel Wall* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the State, amounting to *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings*, Silver Money, for Sixteen Blankets delivered to Lieut. Col. *Olney* for the Recruits in Col. *Greene's* Regiment : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William* and *Samuel Wall*, out of the General-Treasury.

Estates of several Persons that broke Gaol to be seized. Whereas *Amos Reynolds*, *Robert Hopkins* (Son of *Alexander*) *Alexander Hopkins*, *Thomas Reynolds* (Son of *Thomas*) and *John Briggs*, all of *West-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, have been apprehended and confined in the Gaols in this State, upon Suspicion of being concerned in setting Fire to the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; and to several Stacks of Hay, belonging to other Persons, Subjects of this State, whereby the same were consumed, and have since their Confinement broken out of Gaol, and absconded : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* immediately take into his Possession the real and personal Estates of the Persons aforementioned, to and for the Use of this State : That he also take Possession as aforesaid of the real and personal Estate of *John Case*, of *West-Greenwich*, aforesaid, who having been charged as aforesaid thereupon absconded; and that the said Sheriff make Report of his Proceedings to the next Session of this Assembly.

Committee for settling Disputes between the Towns respecting Recruits. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee for the County of *Providence* for settling the Disputes respecting the Soldiers who have enlisted into the Continental Battalions for Three Years, or during the War, meet at the State House, in *Providence*, on *Friday*, the 11th of *May* inst. and there settle and final Judgment make between the Town of *Warren*, and a Class in the Town of *Coventry*, whereof *David Brayton* is Head, relative to *Edward Jacklyn*, a Soldier ; also between a Class in the Town of *Warwick*, whereof *Thomas Holden*, Esq; is Head, and a Class in the Town of *Coventry*, whereof *Jeremiah Fenner* is Head, relative to *Benjamin Caswell*, a Soldier in the said Army; and also between the Town of *Gloucester*, and a Class in the Town of *Scituate*, whereof *Ebenezer Handy* is Head, relative to *David Hix*, a Soldier; That the said Committee then hear and determine all Matters and Things in dispute between the Parties aforesaid, and finally determine to what Town or Class the said Soldiers do respectively belong: That the said Committee settle

settle and determine what Costs ought to be paid and who shall pay the same: That their Report and Determination shall be final and binding upon all Parties; and that, if any of the complaining Parties refuse or neglect to attend, the said Committee proceed *ex Parte*.

Whereas, in Consequence of the Sitting of this Assembly, and the new Appointment of Sheriffs, the Writs issued and to be issued, returnable to the Inferior Court to be holden at *Newport*, in *May* instant, cannot be served within the Time prescribed by Law: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Writs be served at any Time Ten Days before the sitting of said Court, and that Declarations be filed Three Days before, and Answers on the First Day, of the sitting of said Court.

Whereas Doctor *Isaac Senter* exhibited unto this Assembly, Two Accounts by him charged against the State, for Visiting and Medicines for Lieut. *Johnston*, and a Soldier belonging to Col *Greene's* Regiment: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Ten Pence*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid the said *Isaac Senter*, out of the General-Treasury.

Whereas *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the State, for printing divers Acts of the General Assembly, and Advertisements, and for the Postage of Letters, &c. in the Year 1776, amounting to *Seventeen Pounds Seven Shillings and Nine Pence*, Silver Money: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed; and that the Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings*, in Continental Money of the New Emission, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General-Treasury.

Whereas *William Richmond* and *Pardon Gray*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, upon the Account of Mr. *Abner Durfee*, respecting the Repairs of the House he lives in, lying in *Tiverton*, to wit:

" In Obedience to our Appointment the Subscribers met at the House of the said *Abner Durfee*, on the 21st of *April*, *A. D.* 1781, audited the said Accounts, and found a Balance due to the State, after deducting the Damages and Repairs from the Rent for the Year 1779. to be *Two Pounds Eight*
D Shillings

Serving Writs
to May Infer-
rior Court pro-
longed.

Senter allow-
ed £9 16s 10d.

S. Southwick al-
lowed £32 12s.

A. Durfee to
pay £2 8s 2d
into the Gen.
Treasury.

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Shillings and Two Pence, Silver Money; which we submit to your Honors,

William Richmond, } Committee."
Pardon Gray, }

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said *Abner Dursée* pay the said Sum of *Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence*, Silver Money, into the General-Treasury.

J. Crandall allowed £90.

Whereas Mr. *Joseph Crandall*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That when the North Battery was erected at *Easton's Point*, in said *Newport*, in the Year 1776, it did inclose his Dwelling-House, and Half a Lot of Land, and prayed to be relieved in the Premises; and the following Report was made thereon, *to wit*:

"The Subscribers being appointed to ascertain the Damages sustained by the said *Joseph Crandall*, by his House and Lot having been inclosed in a Fortification for the Use of this State, which House hath since been destroyed, do report, that we are of Opinion, that the said *Crandall* be allowed the Sum of *Three Hundred Dollars*, Continental Money of the new Emission, in full Compensation for the Damages as aforesaid.

William Taggart, } Committee."
William Richmond, }
Job Easton, }

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said *Joseph Crandall* be and he is hereby empowered to receive the said Sum of *Three Hundred Continental Dollars*, of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for his House aforesaid.

T. Clarke allowed £10.

Whereas Mr. *Thomas Clarke*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in *March, A. D. 1780*, he hired of this State the Farm in said *Newport* formerly belonging to *Jahleel Brenton*: That on the Arrival of the *French Fleet* at *Newport*, the Dwelling-House on said Farm was, by Virtue of an Order from an Officer of this State, taken Possession of by the *French*, and improved as an Hospital; and that the greatest Part of the Produce of the said

said Farm was destroyed or carried off by the said *French* Army or Navy ; and thereupon prayed to be relieved in the Premises : Whereupon the following Report was made, to wit :

“ The Subscribers being appointed a Committee to enquire, and final Determination make, of the Damages done by the Seamen of the Navy of his Most Christian Majesty, on the State's Farm lying in *Newport*, which formerly belonged to *Jahleel Brenton*, and was rented out the last Year to the said *Thomas Clarke*, do report, That the said *Thomas Clarke* be allowed, by the State, out of his Rent, *Ten Pounds*, Silver Money, over and above the *Fifty-eight Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence* that was paid him by the *French*; which we are of Opinion will be full Compensation for the Damages he sustained on the said Farm, as aforesaid : Which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly.

William Taggart,
Robert Elliott,
William Richmond, } Committee.”

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds*, Silver Money, be allowed unto the said *Thomas Clarke*, and deducted out of the Rent he owes unto this State.

Whereas a Pay-Abstract was exhibited unto this Assembly, by Mr. *Thomas Noyes*, for the Wages of the Guards under his Command, stationed at *Green-Hill*, *Noyes's Hill* and *Watch Hill*, by Order of Col. *Christopher Greene*, from the 31st of *October* to the 15th of *December*, A. D. 1780, amounting to *Twelve Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence*, Silver Money : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of the said Abstract, being *Twenty-three Pounds*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid unto the said *Thomas Noyes*, out of the General-Treasury, to discharge the said Abstract. *T. Noyes allowed £23.*

Whereas *Elisha Mowry, jun. Esq.* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences in appraising the Lands, &c. set off to the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Regiments : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, in Continental *E. Mowry, jun. allowed £10.*

tal Bills of the new Emission be allowed and paid to the said *Elisba Mowry*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

Petition of *B. Congdon* granted. Whereas Mr. *Benjamin Congdon* (son of *Joseph*, of *Providence*) preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That he was detached by Messrs. *John Waterman*, *Robert Rhodes*, *Job Ranaal*, *Squire Miller*, *Thomas Rice*, and *Benjamin Arnold*, jun. the Committee for the Town of *Warwick*, to go as a Soldier in the Continental Army for Three Years : That he then was, and still remains, a Member of the Society of People called Quakers ; and that at the Time he was detached as aforesaid he did not reside in the said Town of *Warwick*. but had resided for several Months before with his said Father ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to release him from the said Detachment : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Congdon's* Person be discharged from the said Detachment ; That the said Committee procure another Person in the Clats from which the said *Benjamin Congdon* was detached ; and that if they cannot raise one immediately they detach a proper Soldier from the said Clats.

J. Olney allowed £19 0 7 ½. Whereas Lieut. Col *Jeremiah Olney* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the State, for sundry Expences paid for the Recruiting Service, &c. amounting to *Ten Pounds Three Shillings*, Silver Money : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nineteen Pounds and Seven Pence Halfpenny*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Jeremiah Olney*, out of the General-Treasury,

Committee to ascertain the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers of the £6000. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Balances of the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds*, Silver Money, which hath been appropriated to the paying and discharging the One Quarter Part of the Depreciation-Money due to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the Continental Army : That so much thereof as shall be due to the Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Regiment now under the Command of Col. *Christopher Greene* (to be ascertained by the said Committee) be paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, to be by him paid to the respective Officers and Soldiers in the said Regiment,

ment, agreeable to the Report of the Balances due unto them, after deducting from those Officers and Soldiers the Monies which have been already paid them on the said Account : That so much of the said Balances due to the Officers who were not included in the late Arrangement (to be ascertained as aforesaid) be paid them respectively, out of the General-Treasury: That the said Committee make a Report to the General-Treasurer of the Balances due as aforesaid ; and that the General-Treasurer pay the same accordingly.

Whereas *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the State, for Flour delivered for the Use of the Troops: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Welcome Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury. *W. Arnold* allowed £12.

Whereas *Mr. Bennett Wheeler* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing divers Acts of the General Assembly, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Two Shillings*, in Bills of the Continental new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Bennett Wheeler*, out of the General Treasury. *B. Wheeler* allowed £12 2s.

Whereas *William Richmond* and *Pardon Gray*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time and Expences in settling *Mr. Abner Durfee's* Account: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid unto the said *William Richmond* and *Pardon Gray*, out of the General-Treasury. *W. Richmond* and *P. Gray* allowed £3.

Whereas *William Taggart*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences in finishing the Appraisement and Survey of the Lands for the Officers and Soldiers belonging to this State, in the Continental Army : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Nine Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *William Taggart*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account. *W. Taggart* allowed £9.

W. Taggart, R. Elliott, and W. Richmond, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time and Expences in estimating the Damages done the Farm rented by the State to Mr. *Thomas Clarke*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *William Taggart, Robert Elliott, and William Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury.

Gen. Treasurer to issue Warrants. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That if any Town in this State shall not, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, pay into the General-Treasury the Whole of the Silver Money Tax which was assessed upon them by this Assembly, the General-Treasurer forthwith, upon the Expiration of the Time aforesaid, issue his Warrants of Distress against the Town-Treasurers of each deficient Town, returnable in Five Days, for all the said Money that shall be due from each Town; and that the Deputies from the respective Towns, immediately upon their Return, inform the Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns of this Resolution.

W. Richmond allowed £11 14s. Whereas *William Richmond*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences, &c. in finishing the Appraisment and Survey of the Estates set off to the Continental Officers and Soldiers belonging to this State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *William Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

Report concerning R. Lawton's Vessel. Upon an Act of this Assembly, passed at *February Session, A. D. 1780*, the following Return was made by Mr. *Shubael Kinnicut*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Bristol*, to wit:

Warren, March 8, 1780.

"I have taken into Custody Part of a Cable, of about Thirty-four Fathom in Length, called Eight and a Half Inch, found in the Possession of Messrs. *Robert Carr, Curtis Cole, Caleb Carr, and Benajah Cole*, all of *Warren*; which Cable was shewed to me by Mr. *Robert Lawton*, as belonging to his

his Sloop ; and I carried the above-named *Robert Carr*, *Curtis Cole*, *Caleb Carr*, and *Benajah Cole*, before *William T. Miller*, Esq; One of the Justices of the Peace for said *Warren*, for the Purposes mentioned in said Act of the General Assembly.

Shubael Kinnicut, Deputy-Sheriff."

Warren, March 14, 1780.

" The above-named *Robert Carr*, *Curtis Cole*, *Caleb Carr*, and *Benajah Cole*, delivered to me One Anchor, Two short Pieces of Cable, Three old Blocks, without Pins or Sheaves, and said they were taken from the Sloop owned by Mr. *Robert Lawton*. The said Articles are in my Possession.

Shubael Kinnicut, Deputy-Sheriff."

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol* notify the above-named Persons, who were possessed of the said Articles, to appear before this General Assembly, at the next Session, to answer respecting the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Peleg Barker*, jun. Esq; be *P. Barker*, jun. and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the ^{appointed a} ^{Justice of the} ^{Peace.} *Town of Newport*.

Whereas Mr. *Charles Dunbar*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in *April*, ^{Resolve respecting a Lot sold by A. Ferguson.} *A. D.* 1780, he purchased, of *Adam Ferguson*, of said *Newport*, a Lot of Land, lying in *Portsmouth*, containing one Acre ; for which Part of the Consideration Money hath been paid ; and that the said *Adam Ferguson* was under Bonds to this State at the Time of his executing the Deed for the same, and is now an Absentee ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to determine, whether, upon his paying the Balance to *Mary Ferguson*, Wife of the said *Adam Ferguson*, the said Lot shall be held by him the said *Charles Dunbar* : And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly do not lay any Claim to the Balance above-mentioned.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the Committee, ^{Report of the} ^{Committee for} ^{valuing the} ^{rateable Pro-} ^{perly referred.} appointed to ascertain the rateable Property of the several Towns in the State, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session.

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Committee to
audit *C. Holden's*
Accounts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Ellery, Rouse J. Helme*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Charles Holden*, Esq; Commissary of Purchases within this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Brown al-
lowed £4 10s.

Whereas Mr. *Joseph Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, as a Waiter, at the present Session, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

Report of the
Committee to
set off Lands to
the Officers
and Soldiers.

Whereas the Committee appointed to set off Lands to the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiments commanded by the Colonels *Christopher Greene*, *Henry Sherburne*, and *Israel Angell*, presented unto this Assembly, a general State of the Balances due to the said Officers and Soldiers, and several Reports respecting the same, as follow, *to wit* :

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| Balance due to Col. <i>Christopher Greene's</i> Regiment, | £5212 2 6 |
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| Balance due to Col. <i>Henry Sherburne's</i> Regiment, | 1304 4 9 |
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| Balance due to Col. <i>Israel Angell's</i> Regiment, | 19158 5 0 |
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| Deduct so much to be paid in Specie, | £6000 0 0 |
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| Deduct for so much allowed Capt. <i>William Littlefield</i> , the Payment of which is stopped by the General Assembly, | 140 10 11 |
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| Deduct for the House and Lot of Land in <i>Providence</i> , late <i>Gilbert Deblois's</i> , set off to Capt. <i>William Allen</i> , and Lieut. <i>Oliver Jenckes</i> . | 622 10 0 |
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Deduct also £383 10 4, to
make up One Quarter Part
of the whole Balance due;
which, if the State do not
choose to pay in Money,
will still remain to be set off
in Lands, agreeable to the
Act of the General Assembly. £383 10 4

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The Balance to be set off in Lands, £ 18528 1 0

The Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, together with *William Richmond*, and *William Taggart*, Esqrs. to value the House and Lot of Land in *Providence*, formerly the Property of *Gilbert Deblois*, having this Day, met and viewed the Premises, do report, That the said House and Lot of Land is worth *Two Thousand and Seventy five Silver Dollars*, and do set the same off to Capt. *William Allen*, and Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes*, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly, on Account of the Depreciation of Wages. As Witness our Hands, in *Providence*, this Nineteenth Day of *March*, A. D. 1781.

John Jenckes,
Matthew Manchester, } Committee."
Elisha Mowry, jun. }

The Subscribers, being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to set off to Major *Daniel Box*, a House, or Houses, in the Town of *Newport*, to the Amount *Three Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence*, Silver Money, being the Balance of his Depreciation Account, as settled by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, having met this Day. and viewed the House, formerly the Property of *Isaac Lawton*, near the State-House, in said *Newport*, do report, That the Value of the said House, with the Lot it stands on, being Fifty-nine Feet in Front, or thereabouts, and extending Eastward, Forty-five Feet, on parallel Lines with the Front, with Liberty to draw Water from the Well, is worth *Three Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, and do set the same off to the said *Daniel Box*, in full for the Depreciation of his Wages, agreeable to an Act of this Assembly.

William Richmond,
John Jenckes,
Elisha Mowry, jun: } Committee:
William Taggart,
Matthew Manchester, }

Newport, March 21st, A. D. 1781.

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The Subscribers, being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to value the Three following Farms, belonging to this State, *to wit*: The *Mount-Hope* Farm, formerly the Property of *Isaac Royal, Esq*; and the Farms on the Island of *Jamestown*, formerly the Property of *Charles Ward Apthorp*, and *Thomas Hutchinson*, Esqrs. having viewed the same, do report, That the Value of the Farm, called the *Mount-Hope* Farm, lying in *Bristol*, containing Three Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, and One Hundred and Eleven Rods, is worth *Thirty-nine Dollars* per Acre, which amounts to *Four Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings and Seven Pence*, Silver Money, and do set the same off to the Officers and Soldiers of the Regiments of *Col. Christopher Greene*, and *Col. Henry Sherburne*, on Account, and in Part, of the Three Fourths of the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers of the said Regiments, on Account of the Depreciation of their Wages; and that there still remains due to the said Regiments *Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing*, Silver Money, which is to be paid them in a Lot of Land of Four Acres in *Bristol*, formerly the Property of the said *Isaac Royal*, and an House or Land in *Newport*. The Farm on *Jamestown*, formerly the Property of the said *Charles Ward Apthorp*, containing Three Hundred and Eighty-four Acres and One Hundred and Forty-three Rods, we value at *Forty-five Dollars* per Acre, amounting to *Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds One Shilling and Three Pence Three Farthings*, Silver Money, and the Farm formerly the Property of the said *Thomas Hutchinson*, containing Six Hundred and Forty Acres and One Hundred and Fifty-four Rods, we value at *Thirty-eight Dollars* per Acre, amounting to *Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence*, Silver Money, and do set the said Two last mentioned Farms off to the Officers and Soldiers of *Col. Israel Angell's* Regiment, and the Balance that remains due to the said Regiment of *One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence Three Farthings*, Silver Money, is to be paid them in Houses or Lots of Land on *Rhode-Island*, which is submitted to the Honorable General Assembly,

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| <i>William Richmond,</i> | } Committee. |
| <i>John Jenckes,</i> | |
| <i>William Taggart,</i> | |
| <i>Elisba Mowry, jun.</i> | |
| <i>Matthew Manchester,</i> | |

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The Subscribers, being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to value and set off Land, &c. to Colonels *Greene's*, *Sherburne's*, and *Angell's* Regiments, to the full Amount of Three Quarter Parts of the Balances due to the said Regiments, as per their Accounts settled, having met this Day, do set off to Colonels *Greene's* and *Sherburne's* Regiments, a Lot of Land, containing about Four Acres, lying in *Bristol*, formerly the Property of *Isaac Royal*, Esq; one Lot of Land, lying in *Newport*, containing about Seven Acres and an Half, formerly the Property of *George Rome*, adjoining to Land of *Edward Simmons*, *John Northup*, &c. and one small House and Lot of Land, lying in *Newport*, formerly the Property of *Isaac Lawton*, adjoining to the House and Lot set off to Major *Daniel Box*; and we do value the above-mentioned House and Lots of Land at *Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing*, Silver Money, and do set off the same to the said Regiments in full (with what hath been already set off to the said Regiments) for the Three Quarter Parts of the Balances due to the said Regiments, agreeable to the Order of the Honorable the General Assembly. One House and Lot of Land, with the Store, &c. thereon standing, lying in *Newport*, in the main Street, formerly the Property of *John Watson*; One Lot of Land, containing about Five Acres, formerly the Property of *Isaac Lawton*, adjoining to Land of *Nathaniel Briggs*, and One Lot of Land, containing about Five Acres and an Half, formerly the Property of *Joseph Durfee*, adjoining to Lands of Capt. *Joseph Anthony*, which we value at *Eleven Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence Three Farthings*, Silver Money, we set off to Col. *Israel Angell's* Regiment in full (with what hath been already set off to the said Regiment) for the Three Quarter Parts of the Balances due to said Regiment, agreeable to the Order of the Honorable the General Assembly; which is submitted, by

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| <i>William Richmond,</i> | } | Committee. |
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| <i>William Taggart,</i> | | |
| <i>Elisba Mowry, jun.</i> | | |

Newport, May 5, 1781.

And the said Reports being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are accepted; and that the Lands and Premises therein mentioned be and they are

are hereby set off and declared to be and remain unto the said Officers and Soldiers, in Pay for their Depreciation Money ; and that proper Deeds be made and executed by the General-Treasurer for the Purpose aforesaid.

Committee to
equip a cruiz-
ing Vessel,

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Brown, Welcome Arnold*, and *Paul Allen*, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to charter a suitable, fast sailing, Vessel, in Order to be fitted as a Cruizer to clear the Coast of the piratical Boats that infest the same: That the Burthen of the said Vessel be between Thirty and Fifty Tons, or thereabouts, to mount Four or more Carriage Guns, of Three or Four Pounders, Six or Eight Swivels, with Small-Arms and Cutlasses, and all other Implements, Ammunition, Provisions and Stores, that shall be necessary for her as a Cruiser as aforesaid: That the said Committee, or either of them, make Application unto the Commissary of Military Stores for as many Cannon as they shall think proper for the said Vessel, and of such a Size as will be suitable, and also for Small-Arms, Cutlasses, and other military Stores, which may be wanted for the Purpose aforesaid, who is hereby requested and directed to deliver the same for the Purpose aforesaid: That the said Committee make Application to the Commissaries of this State for such Quantities of Beef, Pork, Tallow, and Leather as will be necessary for equipping the said Vessel, who are hereby directed to deliver the same: That the said Committee draw a Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Dollars*, in Continental Money of the new Emission; out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose aforesaid, and account for the same; and that they forthwith proceed upon the Business aforesaid, and appoint the Officers for said Vessel, man her, and get her to Sea as soon as may be.

D. Dunham,
jun. allowed
£ 13: 9d.

Whereas Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Dunham*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Bradford al-
lowed £ 12 11s.

Whereas *William Bradford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, as One of the Committee

mittee for examining the Estimates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Eleven Shillings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the General-Treasury.

Whereas *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, as One of the Committee for examining the Estimates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty Pounds Nine Shillings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Rumrell*, out of the General-Treasury.

T. Rumrell allowed £20 9s.

Whereas *Benjamin Peckham*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, as One of the Committee for examining the Estimates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-three Pounds*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

B. Peckham allowed £23.

Whereas *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences, as One of the Committee for examining the Estimates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Fifteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Four Pence*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Welcome Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Arnold allowed £15 9s 4d.

Whereas *Stephen Potter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, as One of the Committee for examining the Estimates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seventeen Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Stephen Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Potter allowed £17 8s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Rule entered into at the last Session of this Assembly, upon the Petition of *Stephen Potter*

Rule between the State and *S. Potter* continued.

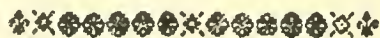
Potter be continued ; and that Report be made thereon as soon as may be.

*Newport May
Inferior Court
adjourned.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *Newport*, which by Law is to be holden on the last *Monday* in *May* Instant, be adjourned to and holden on the First *Monday* of *June* next : That Writs be issued returnable to said Court and served at any time Ten Days before the Sitting thereof : That Declarations thereon be filed Four Days before, and Answers on the Second Day of, the Sitting of said Court : That the Sheriff of the said County notify the Jurors to attend accordingly ; and that a Copy of this Vote be published in the *Newport News-Paper*.

*Sheriffs, or
their Deputies,
empowered to
adjourn Courts*

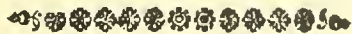
Whereas it hath frequently happened that the Superior and Inferior Courts, within this State, have not been held, in Consequence of the Non-attendance of the Justices thereof, on the First and Second Days of the Sitting of the said Courts : Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That either of the Justices of the Superior or Inferior Courts, or in their Absence the Sheriff, or either of the Deputies, of the County in which such Court is to be holden, be and they are hereby severally empowered to adjourn said Court, from Day to Day, until a sufficient Number of Justices shall attend to constitute a Court. Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.



*Newport Superior Court re-
vived.*

WHEREAS the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held at *Newport*, on the First *Monday* in *April* last, were necessarily prevented from convening : Wherefore, That all Matters, Civil and Criminal, pending before the said Court, may be heard and determined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Court be revived, and holden at said *Newport*, on the Third *Monday* of *May* Instant : That the said Court then hear and determine all Matters and Things pending, or which shall be brought before the same, of which they can by Law take Cognizance ; and that Grand and Petit Jurors be drawn to attend the said Court, and be proceeded against for Non-attendance, agreeable to Law.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Clerk of the said Court, by Advertisement in the *Newport* and *Providence* News Papers, notify the Persons interested in the Lands described in the Informations pending before the said Court then to appear, and answer the same: That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* cause the Jurors aforesaid to be notified hereof; and that a Copy of these Resolves be published in the aforesaid News-Papers.



Whereas Information is made to this Assembly, That *Moses Blanchard*, procured *Michael Power* to enlist as a Soldier for the Class of which he was Head; and *Andrew Craige* procured a Man to enlist for the Class of which *Caleb Vaughan* was Head, and have received the Bounties allowed by the State for enlisting the said Men, knowing at the same Time that the Persons procured by them to enlist were incapable of being enlisted, whereby the State is like to be defrauded of the said Bounties, and the said Classes greatly injured: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be and hereby is directed to serve the said *Moses Blanchard* and *Andrew Craige* with a Citation to appear before this Assembly at the next Session, to answer to the said Information, and to be proceeded with as to Justice shall appertain.

M. Blanchard
and *A. Craige* to
be cited.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of the General-Treasurer of this State the Continental Money of the old Emissions now in or which shall be paid into the General-Treasury, in Consequence of the Taxes already assessed; and that they pay the same to the Commissioner of the Loan-Office in this State, and receive of him the Bills of the new Emission in Lieu thereof, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

Committee to
pay old Conti-
nental Money
into the Loan-
Office.

Whereas *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying Acts of Assembly to the several Towns in the said County: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

R. Smith allow
ed £2 2s.

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this State's Quota of Continental Troops.

Act in Addition
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for compleat-
ing this State's
Quota of Con-
tinental Troops

WHEREAS the Legislature of this State, from a Conviction of the absolute Necessity of having their Quota of Troops in the Field, apportioned the Men to the several Towns, and ordered the Inhabitants respectively to be classed, and in case the respective Classes should not procure an able-bodied Recruit by a limited Time, that a Person should be detached from each delinquent Class: And it having been the Expectation and Wish of the General Assembly, that the several Classes should exert themselves for procuring the Men to enlist voluntarily, by making an adequate Allowance, it being most conducive to the general Good that all Persons employed in the public Service should be freely and voluntarily engaged; without Compulsion: And as the Purposes of the Acts for classing the Inhabitants have been in general answered, much the greatest Part of the Men having voluntarily enlisted: But as some Persons have been detached, whose Circumstances and Situation in Life will not permit their being sent forward to the Army to do Duty, without great Difficulties and mischievous Consequences ensuing to the Public therefrom: *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted,* That the Committees of the several Towns, heretofore appointed by the General Assembly for classing the Inhabitants, be and they are hereby required, in Cases where Persons have been detached from any Class, to assess the Sum of *Three Hundred Spanish milled Dollars*, upon such Class from which any Person hath been detached as aforesaid, in the same Manner as is directed by the Act ordering the Inhabitants to be classed: That the Monies thus assessed by the said Committees be collected by the Collector of Taxes for the Town to which each Class shall belong respectively, to whom the said Committee shall issue their Warrant for collecting the same: That the same be assessed within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the Fifth Day of *June* next, to be appropriated for hiring a Man for the Class upon whom the same shall be assessed as aforesaid: That *William Taggart, Esq;* Colonel *Archibald Crary*, Colonel *Thomas Potter*, Mr. *Joseph Hoyle*, and Major *Asa Kimball*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for enlisting the said Men: That for this Purpose the said Committee be
and

and they are hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the whole Money collected and paid as aforesaid: That the said Committee keep an exact Account of all Expences, and the Bounties paid by them, for procuring the said Men, and render the same to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable for the Expenditure: That the Committees of the several Towns be reasonably paid for their Trouble and Service in making the said Assessment; and that the Expences last mentioned be added to the said Sum of *Three Hundred Dollars*, to be assessed and paid by the Class deficient as aforesaid, together with the lawful Fees due to the Collector for collecting the same. Provided nevertheless, That if any Class, now deficient as aforesaid, shall themselves enlist, and procure to be mustered, a good able-bodied effective Man, within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, every such Class shall be exempted from having the aforementioned Assessment levied upon them as aforesaid.

And whereas the Committee of the Town of *Gloucester*, hath not proceeded to class the Inhabitants of that Town, as heretofore required, which Town is now deficient Ten Men of the Number apportioned to them by the General Assembly: *Be it thereof further Enacted*, That the Attorney-General prosecute the said Committee according to Law, for neglecting to class the Inhabitants of the said Town: That in case the said Town of *Gloucester*, shall not procure to be voluntarily enlisted and mustered the Men of which they are deficient as aforesaid, within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrant on the Eleventh Day after the Rising of this Assembly against the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, for collecting the Sum of *Three Hundred Spanish milled Dollars* for each Man the said Town shall be then deficient, in the same Manner as in Cases of Delinquency of paying State's Taxes assessed in the usual Manner, which Warrant shall be returnable in Ten Days from the Time of its being issued: And that Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney* furnish the General-Treasurer with a Return of the Men wanting from said Town on that Day.

And it is Ordered, That the Secretary cause this Act to be immediately printed, and send a Copy thereof as soon as possible to the Committee of each Town where any Class

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shall

shall have had any Person detached, and is now deficient as aforesaid, as ascertained by the Return now before this Assembly, and One Copy to the Town-Clerk of Gloucester.

S. Kinnicut allowed £2 5s.

Whereas Mr. *Shubael Kinnicut*, a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expenses, in warning the Members of the General Assembly, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid the said *Shubael Kinnicut*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Gardner's Petition referred.

Upon the Petition of *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; of *North-Kingstown*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing, That he was Head of a Class in said *North-Kingstown*, and did procure a Recruit for the Continental Army : That the said Class was at the Expence of *Nine Pounds Six Shillings*, Silver Money, over and above the Bounty they paid the said Recruit ; and that the said Sum was assessed upon the said Class but hath not been collected, by Reason that the Committee for Classing the Inhabitants of said Town forbade the Collectors proceeding to collect the same ; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session ; and that in the mean Time the said Committee be served with a Copy of the said Petition, and cited to appear at next Session to answer the same.

Officers continued.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, with the same Power and Authority they have heretofore had.

Adjournment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly,

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sembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Fourth Monday in May Instant, then to convene at the State-House in Providence.

G O D save the United States of *America*.

A true COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Lury

May, 1781. Second Session.

A T the G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

William Greene, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The H O N O R A B L E

J A B E Z B O W E N, Esq; Deputy-Governor,

JOHN I. CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

DANIEL MANTON, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

SYLVESTER GARDNER, Esq;

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several T O W N S.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.

NEW P O R T

Daniel Holloway, Esq;
 William Channing, Esq;
 William Taggart, Esq;
 Timothy Waterhouse, Esq.

Providence :

Welcome Arnold, Esq;
 Charles Keene, Esq;
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Theodore Foster, Esq.

Portsmouth :

Mr. David Giffard,
 Mr. Robert Lawton.

Warwick :

Thomas Holden, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Christopher Greene, Esq.

Westerly :

David Maxton, Esq;
 Edward Bliven, Esq.

North-Kingstown :

Ezekiel Gardner, jun. Esq;
 Sylvester Gardner, Esq.

South-Kingstown :

Mr. Robert Potter,
 The Clerk.

East-Greenwich :

Archibald Crary, Esq;
 Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq.

Jamestown :

Mr. John Weeden.

Smithfield :

Andrew Waterman, Esq;
 Mr. Henry Jenckes.

Scituate :

William Rhodes, Esq;
 Rufus Hopkins, Esq.

Gloucester :

Mr. Simon Smith,
 Stephen Winfor, Esq.

Charlestown :

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;
 Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq.

West-Greenwich :

Thomas Gorton, Esq;
 Jonathan Comstock, Esq.

Coventry :

Israel Bowen, Esq;
 Stephen Potter, Esq.

Exeter :

John Chapman, Esq;
 Thomas Wilcox, Esq.

Middletown :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,
 George Irish, Esq.

Bristol :

Mr. Speaker,
 Nathaniel Fales, Esq.

Tiverton :

Mr. Joseph Shearman,
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.

Little-Compton :

William Richmond, Esq;
 Isaac Baley, Esq.

Warren :

William T. Miller, Esq.

Cumberland :

Mr. Levi Ballou.
 Jotham Carpenter, Esq.

Richmond :

Robert Stanton, Esq;
 Mr. Christopher Clarke.

Cranston :

Mr. Matthew Manchester,
 Peter Burlingame, Esq.

Hopkinton :

George Thurston, Esq;
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

Johnston :

John Smith, Esq;
 Andrew Harris, Esq.

North-Providence :

Esek Hopkins, Esq;
 John Jenckes, Esq.

Barrington :

Samuel Allen, Esq.

ROUSE J. HELME, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Stephen Jenckes* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred Dollars*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, to purchase Plank and lay the same upon *Pawtucket Bridge*; and that he account for the Money.

Grant for
Pawtucket
Bridge.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive *One Hundred Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, to pay the Bounty of *Silas Bates*, who hath enlisted into this State's Continental Battalion for Three Years, for the Class in the Town of *Cranston* of which the said *Christopher Lippitt* is Head; the said Town having paid into the General-Treasury the whole of their Silver Money Tax.

Grant to a
Class in *Cran-*
ston.

Whereas *John Warren*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which sat in *Newport*, in *November* last, upon a Prosecution brought against him by the Attorney-General, sentenced him to pay a Fine of *One Hundred Pounds Silver Money*, and Costs, and to suffer Three Months Imprisonment, from the 18th Day of said *November*: That the Time assigned for his Imprisonment hath long since expired, and he now remains in Gaol for the said Fine and Costs; and that he is absolutely unable to pay the same: And thereupon the said *John Warren* prayed this Assembly to remit the said Fine and Cost: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *John Warren's* giving his Note to the General-Treasurer, for the Use of this State, for the said Fine and Cost, payable on Demand, with Interest, and recognizing for his good Behaviour, agreeable to the Sentence of the said Court, he be discharged from Gaol upon the said Prosecution: And that the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Newport* immediately make out the Bill of Cost against the said *John Warren*, and attend and take his Note for the said Fine and Costs, and transmit the same to the General-Treasurer.

J. Warren li-
berated from
Gaol upon gi-
ving his Note.

This Assembly, at the Session held in *November* last, having allowed *Caleb Aldrich*, Esq; *Ten Pounds*, Silver Money, for the Wages of *John Mechler*, a Soldier enlisted by the Town of *Smithfield* for Six Months in the Regiment commanded

C. Aldrich al-
lowed £12.

commanded by Col. *Greene*: And it appearing to this Assembly, upon further Consideration, that the said Allowance is inadequate, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Silver Money, be allowed in Lieu of the said Sum; and that the same be paid to the said *Caleb Aldrich* when the other Men enlisted into the said Regiment for Six Months shall be paid; upon his producing a Receipt from the said *John Mechler* for his Wages.

J. Olney allowed £.7 6s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Pounds Six Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid to Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, out of the General-Treasury, for several Expences incurred in the public Service.

Committee to estimate the Expences of the current Year, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; Mr. *Joseph Brown*, *John Jenckes*, *John Smith*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to make an Estimate of the Expences of the current Year, and of the Sums necessary for this Assembly to order Taxes for at the present Session: And also to devise Ways and Means for paying the Expences and exigent Charges of Government, and giving Stability to the Continental Currency of the new Emission; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

Committee to inquire into the State of the Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Gideon Mumford*, *William Channing*, *Welcome Arnold*, *Theodore Foster*, and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to inquire into the State of the Treasury, and to know if this State hath made Provision for sinking its whole Proportion of the old Continental Money: And that they also bring in a Bill for regulating the Courts of Justice with Respect to their entering up Judgments in future for old Continental Money; and also to regulate the Judgments which are already made up and remain unsatisfied.

Report of the Committee for revising the General Estimate.

Whereas the Committee appointed to revise the General Estimate presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE, the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, to ascertain the rateable Property of each Town within this State, do report the following

Following Sums affixed to each Town respectively to be their rateable Value, to the best of our Knowledge.

| Counties. | Towns. | Value of Towns. | Value of Counties. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <i>Newport,</i> | <i>Newport</i> | £ 153,000 | £ 453,800 |
| | <i>Portsmouth</i> | 51,000 | |
| | <i>Jamestown</i> | 17,000 | |
| | <i>Middletown</i> | 33,000 | |
| | <i>Tiverton</i> | 110,500 | |
| | <i>Little-Compton</i> | 89,300 | |
| <i>Providence,</i> | <i>Providence</i> | 215,000 | 1,080,246 |
| | <i>Smithfield</i> | 200,000 | |
| | <i>Scituate</i> | 183,000 | |
| | <i>Gloucester</i> | 158,000 | |
| | <i>Cumberland</i> | 90,832 | |
| | <i>Cranston</i> | 123,340 | |
| | <i>Johnston</i> | 64,200 | |
| | <i>North-Providence</i> | 45,874 | |
| <i>King's County,</i> | <i>Westerly</i> | 97,000 | 892,480 |
| | <i>North-Kingstown</i> | 148,650 | |
| | <i>South-Kingstown</i> | 302,300 | |
| | <i>Charlestown</i> | 81,300 | |
| | <i>Richmond</i> | 70,360 | |
| | <i>Hopkinton</i> | 90,000 | |
| | <i>Exeter</i> | 102,870 | |
| <i>Bristol,</i> | <i>Bristol</i> | 65,240 | 134,960 |
| | <i>Warren</i> | 39,000 | |
| | <i>Barrington</i> | 30,720 | |
| <i>Kent,</i> | <i>Warwick</i> | 176,100 | 429,000 |
| | <i>East-Greenwich</i> | 79,600 | |
| | <i>West-Greenwich</i> | 73,300 | |
| | <i>Coventry</i> | 100,000 | |

Total Value £ 2,990,486

Thomas Rumreid,
 Welcome Arnold,
 Benjamin Peckham,
 William Bradford,
 Stephen Potter.

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And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted; and that the said Valuation of the respective Towns be, and the same is hereby, declared to be the Standard for proportioning all the Taxes and Assessments to be made and levied upon the Inhabitants of this State during the present Session; but no longer, unless it be further agreed upon.

Report of the Committee upon the Articles lent out of the *Pigot* Galley.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; and Col. *Joseph Nightingale*, who were appointed a Committee by the Council of War to estimate the Value of the Ule of a Quantity of Tackle and Furniture belonging to the *Pigot* Galley, which was lent to Capt. *Jeremiah Clarke* and Company; and of several Articles so lent which were lost, reported unto this Assembly, That the Sum of *Ninety-six Pounds Seven Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings*, Continental Money of the new Emission, is due for the same: And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby, accepted; And that the said *Jeremiah Clarke* and Company forthwith pay into the General-Treasury the said Sum of *Ninety-six Pounds Seven Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings*, of this State's Continental Money of the new Emission; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the aforesaid Tackle and Furniture.

J. Reynolds allowed £1136

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission; and that he account for the same.

Grant for taking up Deserters.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, to pay the Reward for apprehending several Deserters from this State's Continental Battalion.

Further Time for filing Declarations allowed.

Whereas from the necessary Attendance of many of the Attornies upon this Assembly at the present Session it hath become expedient that the Time for filing Declarations to the next Interior Court to be holden in the County of *Newport* should be prolonged: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*,
That

That Declarations to the said Court may be filed any Time before or upon the Second Day of the Sitting thereof.

Abraham Redwood, of *Newport*, Esq; having preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he hath a very valuable Estate in the Island of *Antigua*, which is now in the utmost Disorder and Confusion; and that unless some suitable Person be employed to take Care of the same it will very soon be in the most ruinous Condition; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to permit his Brother *William Redwood*, late of *Newport* aforesaid, to proceed to the Island aforesaid, to put the Affairs of the said Estate into Order, and upon the Completion of the Business to return in such Way as shall be most convenient; and that he go by the Way of any neutral Port, if Opportunity should offer; or otherwise by the Way of *New-York*, under the Direction of his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be so far granted as to permit the said *William Redwood* to proceed to the said Island of *Antigua*, by Way of any of the neutral Ports, for the Purposes aforesaid.

W. Redwood
permitted to
go to *Antigua*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Rufus Hopkins*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of *Edward Bennet*, late a Soldier in Col. *Hitchcock's* Battalion, who lost an Arm in the Service: And that he supply the said *Edward Bennet* with the said Money as his Necessities may require.

£45 allowed
to *E. Bennet*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney* to discharge a certain *John Bowen*, who being infected with a Disorder of a long Duration, which renders him unfit for Military Duty, imposed himself upon a Class in the Town of *Newport*, and enlisted into the Continental Service for Three Years.

J. Bowen discharged.

Whereas *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. who were appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of this State's Continental Battalion, presented unto this Assembly the following State of that Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Depreciation
Account of
the *Rhode-Is-*
land Regiment.

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Dr. The Officers and Soldiers of the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, who are in Service, with the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, for Depreciation.

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| 1781. To Three-Quarters of the Balance due to you set off in Lands, as appears by the Report of the Committee | £ 19150 11 0 |
| Feb. To Cash paid Col. <i>Israel Angell</i> by | |
| 15. the General-Treasurer, and by him paid to the Soldiers | 231 6 0 |
| To One Quarter Part of £988 11 9 being the Balance due to 20 Deserters (old Soldiers) as <i>per</i> List | 247 2 11 |
| To One Quarter of £5289 18 8, being the Balances due to the Officers deranged and dead | 1322 9 8 |
| To Cash received of the General-Treasurer by divers Officers, &c. | 560 18 8 |
| May To Cash paid Lieut. Col. <i>Jeremiah</i> | |
| 23. <i>Olney</i> , out of the General-Treasury, | 2032 8 0 |
| 29. Balance due to the Officers and Soldiers, paid by an Order on the General-Treasury in Favor of Lieut. Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> , | 2008 4 10 |
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| | £ 25553 1 1 |
| Creditor. | |

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| 1781. By the Amount of the whole Balance due, as settled by the Committee Feb. 8, 1781; Three Quarter Parts payable in Lands and One Quarter Part in Money | £ 25534 1 4 |
| By Cash Col. <i>Angell</i> paid 19 of the Deserters, 18s each | 17 2 0 |
| By Cash Col. <i>Angell</i> overpaid <i>J. Putney</i> , <i>A. Griffin</i> , and <i>T. Hatfield</i> ; their Quarter Part being £0 16 3, and he having paid them £2 14 0 | 1 17 9 |
| N. B. The Men are now in actual Service | <hr/> |
| | £ 25553 1 1 |
| <i>Providence, May 29, 1781.</i> | |

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WE, the Subscribers, report, That we have carefully examined the Accounts of the Officers and Soldiers now in Service in this State's Continental Regiment; and that the above is a true State of the same.

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

And the said Account and Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account as above stated stand balanced.

Whereas *Stephen Potter*, Esq; *Mr. John Weeden*, and *William Taggart*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following State of Capt. *Gabriel Allen's* Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Report upon
G. Allen's Ac-
count.

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account Current with
Gabriel Allen.

1779,

Dec. To Cash paid *Joseph Wiley*, by Or-
18. der of Gen. *Cornell*, on Account
of Shoes and Boots

£ 130 4 0

1780, To Cash paid Ditto in full of his Ac-
Nov. 3. count for making Shoes and Boots

59 12 0

To Cash paid Ditto for raw Hides,
which fell short, as appears by the
Receipt of the Commissary of
Hides,

9 0 0

To my Time and Expence in going
to *Newport* to settle with Mr.
Channing

120 0 0

Balance due to the State,

68 19 0

£ 387 15 0

Creditor.

1779. By Cash received of the Officers and
Soldiers of Col. *Topham's* Regiment
for Shoes and Boots; as per Ac-
count,

£ 130 4 0

By Cash received of Mr. *Walter Chan-
ning*, on Account,

139 3 0

By Cash received of Capt. *Alexander
Thomas*, being the Surplus of re-
cruiting Money,

100 0 0

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| By Cash received of Serjeant <i>William Jones</i> for one Pair of Boots, | £ 8 8 0 |
| By Cash stopped from <i>Nathan Smith</i> , by Direction of General <i>Cornell</i> , he being discharged before his Time of Service expired, | 10 0 0 |
| | <hr/> £ 387 15 0 |

N. B. Mr. *Channing* certifies that £ 150, being the Remainder of his Account, was stopped by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* out of the Gratuities to the Soldiers on Account of the above-mentioned Shoes and Boots.

Errors excepted,

GABRIEL ALLEN.

Providence, May 30, 1781.

WE, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of Capt. *Gabriel Allen*, do report, That we have carefully examined the same, and find a Balance due to the State of *Sixty-Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, old Continental Currency, equal to *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence*, Continental Currency of the new Emission.

N. B. the above mentioned Sum of £ 150, retained by the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, is now in the Hands of the Agent-Clothier for this State, for which he is accountable.

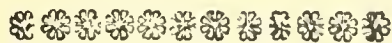
Stephen Potter,
John Weeden,
William Tuggart.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be accepted: And that the said *Gabriel Allen* pay the aforesaid Balance of *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence*, in this State's Continental Money of the new Emission, into the General-Treasury.

J. Olney allowed £12.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut Col. *Jeremiah Olney* be, and he is hereby; empowered to draw the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Continental Money of the new Emission,
out

out of the General-Treasury, to defray the extraordinary Expences of Two Men and Horses to transport the Money allowed by this Assembly to this State's Continental Battalion.



An A C T for incorporating and bringing into the Field Five Hundred able-bodied effective Men, of the Militia, to serve within this State for one Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, and no longer, and not to be marched out of the same.

W H E R E A S it is indispensably necessary, for the Safety and internal Security of the State, that Part of the Militia thereof should be forthwith embodied, and marched to *Newport*, in Order that the Safety and Security thereof, and of this State, may be duly attended to.

Act for raising a Regiment of Militia.

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Five Hundred able-bodied effective Men, of the Independent, Artillery, Senior and Junior Classes of Militia (Officers included) be forthwith embodied, and rendezvous at such Places within this State, by the Eighth Day of June next, to do Duty therein for One Month, from the Time of their arriving at their Places of Rendezvous, unless sooner discharged by his Excellency the Governor, or this Assembly.

And in order that each Town should furnish their proper Proportion of Men for said Service, *It is further Enacted, That the Towns herein after named shall forthwith furnish the Number of Men set against each respective Town, to serve as Officers and Privates for the Time aforesaid: That is to say,*

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| <i>Newport</i> | 26 | <i>Providence</i> | 34 |
| <i>Portsmouth</i> | 7 | <i>Smithfield</i> | 30 |
| <i>Jamestown</i> | 3 | <i>Scituate</i> | 34 |
| <i>Middletown</i> | 5 | <i>Gloucester</i> | 30 |
| <i>Tiverton</i> | 19 | <i>Cumberland</i> | 16 |
| <i>Little-Compton</i> | 15 | <i>Cranston</i> | 19 |

Johnston

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| <i>Johnston</i> | 11 | <i>Bristol</i> | 11 |
| <i>North-Providence</i> | 8 | <i>Warren</i> | 8 |
| <i>Westerly</i> | 18 | <i>Barrington</i> | 6 |
| <i>North-Kingstown</i> | 24 | <i>Warwick</i> | 25 |
| <i>South-Kingstown</i> | 37 | <i>East-Greenwich</i> | 15 |
| <i>Charlestown</i> | 14 | <i>West-Greenwich</i> | 16 |
| <i>Richmond</i> | 13 | <i>Coventry</i> | 19 |
| <i>Hopkinton</i> | 17 | | |
| <i>Exeter</i> | 20 | | 500 |

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Men aforesaid shall be formed into One Battalion, and divided into Seven Companies, to be led by One Lieut. Col. One Major, Seven Captains, Seven Lieutenants, and Seven Ensigns, taken from the Line of the Militia, and be under the Command of Archibald Cary, Esq; who is hereby appointed Commandant of the Post on Rhode-Island.

And it is further Enacted, That there shall be One Adjutant and One Quarter-Master for the said Battalion, to be taken from the Line, and One Surgeon: And that each Company of the said Battalion shall have Four Serjeants and Four Corporals, with One Drummer and One Fifer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Colonels or Commanders of each Regiment within this State shall forthwith issue their Warrants to the Captains of each Company under their Command, setting forth the Number of the said able-bodied effective Men which such Company is required to furnish; and to command, if the said Number of Men shall not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforesaid, that the Captain or Commander of such Company forthwith draft or detach the Men for the Service aforesaid, and cause them to be marched to the Place of Rendezvous appointed therefor. Provided, that the Persons who voluntarily turned out, or were detached as aforesaid, to do Duty for the Space of One Month, in Pursuance of an Act passed at February Session, A. D. 1781, be exempted from being drafted or detached in Pursuance of this Act.

And it is further Enacted, That where any Independent Company of Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, shall be in any Town or Towns, the Colonel or Commander of the Regiment,

giment, within whose District such Independent Company shall be, and the Commander of such Independent Corps, shall settle and fix the Number to be raised out of such Corps, in the same Proportion as they are to be taken from the Military at large in such Town, according to the Number in their Corps, and to be accounted to the Towns to which they respectively belong.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Colonels or Commanders of Regiments shall proportion the Men which each Company shall raise, according to the Numbers of Men which the Company shall consist of, in Proportion to the whole Number to be raised by the Town to which such Companies shall respectively belong.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commanders of each respective Company of Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, within this State, shall forthwith call their respective Companies together, and in case the Number of able-bodied effective Men, which such Company is required to raise, will not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforesaid, that then such Commander shall draft or detach such a Number of Men as will make up their Quota.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon arranging the said Battalion, the Men belonging to the Independent Companies and Senior Classes shall be embodied in Companies together, if it be not detrimental to the Service or tend to the deranging the Battalion.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committees appointed to class the Inhabitants of the Islands of Rhode-Island and Jamestown, agreeable to an Act passed at November Session, A. D. 1780, be, and they are hereby, empowered and directed, to draft or detach from the Inhabitants of their respective Towns the Number of Men before assigned to the said Towns, unless they shall voluntarily turn out: And that they make a Return thereof to Col. Archibald Crary, who is directed to cause the Men so detached to appear at the Place of Rendezvous within the Time aforesaid, and perform the Duties required of them by this Act.

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And be it further Enacted, That it shall be the Duty of the Brigadier-Generals, Field and other Militia Officers within this State, and they are hereby required, to cause the Men, who shall be drafted or detached in Pursuance of this Act, to appear at the Place of Rendezvous before appointed, within the Time aforesaid, and to perform the Duties required of them by this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons who shall do Duty, upon the present Tour of military Duty, shall be excused from doing any further military Duty, until the remaining Part of the military Force within this State shall have done an equal Proportion of military Service; unless in case of a general Alarm, or Invasion of this State.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid military Force shall not be marched or carried out of this State. And upon the End and Expiration of their serving within this State One Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, if it shall appear necessary then to maintain a Militia military Force within this State, they shall be relieved by other military Force, drawn out of the respective Corps in the same Manner as this Act directs the present military Force to be embodied.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Brigadier-Generals, and Commanders of Regiments and Companies, hold the Remainder of the military Force (after embodying the Men herein directed to be forthwith raised) to be in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning.

*And be it further Enacted, That the Men who shall be detached, and do Service in Pursuance of this Act, as Soldiers, be allowed at and after the Rate of *Sixty Shillings*, lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, *per Month*, and One Ration *per Day*; and that the commissioned Officers be allowed the same Pay and Rations as Officers of the same Rank receive in the Continental Service; and the Serjeants *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings*, of the like Money, *per Month*, and the Corporals and Musie *Three Pounds Six Shillings*; the said Pay to commence from the Day they shall march out of their respective Towns, and to continue until their Dismission from the said Service.*

And

And be it further Enacted, That each of the said non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers furnish himself with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Knap-sack and Blanket. And if he shall not be of sufficient Ability, or shall otherwise neglect to do it, the Town-Council of the Town to which he belongs are directed to furnish him with a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Blanket and Knap-sack, at the Expence of the said Town and receive therefor, out of the Wages of such delinquent Person, if of sufficient Ability to furnish himself as aforesaid, *Twelve Shillings*, in Gold or Silver, which is to be deducted from the Wages of such delinquent Person; the Persons receiving the said Accoutrements to return them, or account therefor with the Town-Council who shall furnish the same.

And be it further Enacted, That the Town-Councils be empowered, if necessary, to impress Guns, Bayonets, Cartouch-boxes, Knap-sacks, and Blankets, sufficient for equipping the Delinquents who shall be detached in Pursuance of this Act, giving Certificates therefor to the Persons from whom the same shall be taken,

And be it further Enacted, That each Person who shall be detached as aforesaid, or shall voluntarily enter into the said Brigade, furnish himself with Three Days Provision; and that he be allowed for the same *Two Shillings per Day*, in real Money.

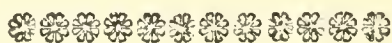
And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person belonging to the military Force of this State shall absent himself, in order to elude or evade this Act, or shall refuse to march forward upon being detached, by himself or Substitute, he shall be sent forward to the Continental Army, to do Duty for Six Months therein, as a common Soldier: And if any Person who shall voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforesaid, or shall be detached for the Purpose aforesaid, and shall join his Corps, and afterwards shall desert, if the said Offender be apprehended before the Tour of Duty expires, he shall suffer such Punishment as a Court-Martial from the said Battalion shall inflict: And if the said Offender be apprehended after the Time shall expire for which he is now called out, he shall be sent to the Continental Army, to do Duty as a common Soldier for Six Months in the *Rhode-Island Battalion*.

And

And it is further Enacted, that the following Officers be and they are hereby chosen and appointed to command the Men ordered by this Act to be embodied, *to wit* :

Thomas Potter, Esq; Lieut. Colonel.—*John Whipple*, Esq; Major.—*Phillip Traffan*, *Benjamin Howland*, *George Dorrance*, jun. *John Parke*, *Job Randall*, *Peter Lewis*, and *Vial Allen*, Capts.—*Lowry Jenckes*, *John Vial*, *Thomas Brand*, *Simeon Ballou*, *Samuel Bissell*, *Squire Fisk*, *Henry Northup*, and *Pardon Burlingame*, Lieuts — *Noah Ballou*, *William Bliss*, jun. *Thomas Wells*, jun. *Joseph Weaver*, *Thomas Webster Kinyon*, *Seth Thomas*, and *William Fuller*, Ensigns — *John Clarke*, Surgeon.

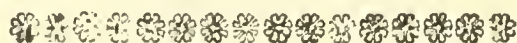
And it is further Enacted, That the Colonel and Field Officers of the said Battalion be, and they are hereby, appointed and empowered, to fill up any Vacancies which now are or shall hereafter happen in the Battalion aforesaid.



AN ACT in Addition to the Acts already passed to prevent Desertion.

Act to prevent
Desertion.

IT is Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That when Bond shall be taken for the Clearance of any trading Vessel, or private Vessel of War, or Letter of Marque, this further Condition shall be inserted in such Bond, *to wit* : That the Master or Commander shall before his Sailing deliver to one of the Intendants of Trade in this State a true List of all the Persons who shall sail in his Vessel, containing their Names, an exact Description and Account of their Stature, Complexion, Age, Place of Nativity, and of some one remarkable Scar, or natural Mark, if any such they have : And that if any Master or Commander shall carry any Person in his Vessel of whom such a Description shall not be given it shall cause a Forfeiture of his Bond.



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Both Houses being joined in a Grand Committee chose Officers the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, to wit:

Daniel Manton, Esq; Third Assistant in the Room of *John Sayles*, Esq; who declined. Engaged.

Sylvester Gardner, Esq; Sixth Assistant in the Room of *John Northup*, Esq; deceased. Engaged.

Pardon Gray, Esq; Fourth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the State, in the Room of *Ambrose Page*, Esq; who declined.

David Howell, Esq; Fifth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Pardon Gray*, Esq; who is advanced.

Caleb Aldrich, Esq; Third Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of *Providence*, in the Room of *David Howell*, Esq; who is promoted to the Superior Court.

Caleb Fisk, Esq; Fourth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Caleb Aldrich*, Esq; who is advanced.

Christopher Sheldon, Esq; Fifth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Caleb Fisk*, Esq; who is advanced.

Edward Perry, Esq; Second Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *King's County*, in the Room of *John Northup*, Esq; deceased.

Abel Tanner, Esq; Third Justice of the same Court in the Room of *Edward Perry*, Esq; who is advanced.

Robert Potter, Esq; Fourth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Abel Tanner*, Esq; who is advanced.

Sylvester Gardner, Esq; Fifth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Robert Potter*, Esq; who is advanced.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

Charles Keene, Esq; Inspector of Steel in and throughout the State.

Theodore Foster, Esq; Register of the Court of Admiralty in this State.

Thomas Durfee, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Tiverton*, in Addition to those already appointed.

——— *Bogart*, Surgeon's Mate of the Continental Battalion of this State. His Appointment to take Place from the First Day of *May, A. D. 1781.*

Officers in the several Battalions of Militia in this State.

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| First Battalion in the County of <i>Providence</i> , | Second Company, |
| <i>John Whipple, Esq;</i> Major, | Bennett Wheeler, Captain, |
| in the Room of <i>James Burrel, Esq;</i> who declined. | Grindall Reynolds, Lieut. |
| Artillery Company: | Robert Taylor, jun. Ensign. |
| Edward Spalding, Capt. Lt. | Third Company: |
| John Carpenter, Lieut. | James Wheaton, Captain, |
| Senior Class in the Town of <i>Providence</i> : | Seth Wheaton, Lieutenant, |
| Benjamin Hoppin, Captain, | Simcon Olney, Ensign. |
| Samuel Black, Lieutenant, | Fourth Company, |
| Gabriel Allen, Ensign. | Joseph Fuller, Captain, |
| Senior Class in the Town of <i>Cranston</i> : | Joseph Snow, jun. Lieut. |
| John Burton, jun. Captain, | Lemuel Field, Ensign. |
| William Burton, Lieutenant, | <i>Cranston</i> : |
| Elisha Carpenter, Ensign. | First Company, |
| Senior Class in the Towns of <i>Johnston</i> and <i>N. Providence</i> : | Thomas Congdon, Captain, |
| Caleb Sheidon, Captain, | George Colvin, Lieutenant, |
| John Viol, Lieutenant, | Oliver Roberts, Ensign. |
| Christopher Whipple, Ensign. | Second Company, |
| Infantry Companies. | Frederick Williams, Capt. |
| <i>Providence</i> : | Nathaniel Carpenter, Lieut. |
| First Company, | John Harris, Ensign. |
| Joseph Allen, Captain, | Third Company: |
| Isaac Bowen, Lieutenant, | Nehemiah Burlingame, Capt. |
| Jeremiah Jenckes, Ensign. | Pardon Burlingame, Lieut. |
| | Gideon Manchester, Ensign. |
| | <i>Johnston</i> : |
| | First Company: |
| | Daniel Sprague, Captain, |
| | John Alverfon, Lieutenant, |
| | Arnold Fenner, Ensign. |
| | Second |

Second Company :
 Laban Waterman, Captain,
 Ezekiel Olney, Lieutenant,
 Pardon Sheldon, Ensign.

North-Providence :

Thomas Olney, jun. Captain,
 Eitan Whipple, Lieutenant,
 Ezekiel Whipple, Ensign.

First Battalion in the County
 of *King's County :*

John Gavet, Esq; Major.

Artillery Company :

Ichabod Burdick, Capt. Lt.

Nathan Barber, jun. Lieut.

Senior Clafs in the Town of

Westerly :

Peleg Berry, Captain.

Stepnen Saunders, Lieut.

Nathaniel Lewis, Ensign.

Senior Clafs in the Town of

Charlestown :

Joseph Wilcox, Captain,

Samuel Thompson, Lieut.

Charles Church, Ensign,

Senior Clafs in the Town of

Hopkinton :

Thomas Wells, (the 2d) Capt.

Elias Coon, Lieutenant.

Infantry Companies.

Westerly :

First Company,

Oliver Lewis, Captain,

Thomas Brand, Lieutenant,

Nathan Pendleton, Ensign.

Second Company,

William Bliven, Captain,

Joseph Peckham, Lieutenant,

Edward Ross, Ensign.

Third Company,

George Stillman, Captain,

Peleg Saunders, Lieutenant,

Afa Maxson, Ensign.

Charlestown :

First Company,

John Parke, Captain,

Christopher Babcock, jun. Lt.
 John Taylor, Ensign.

Second Company,

Beriah Lewis, Captain,

Peleg Cross, jun. Lieutenant,

John Greene, Ensign.

Hopkinton :

First Company,

Henry Wells, Captain,

Sylvanus Maxson, Lieut.

Thomas Wells, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,

Randall Wells, Captain,

Billings Burch, Lieutenant.

Third Company,

Phinchas Maxson, Captain,

George Maxson, Lieutenant,

Zaccheus Maxson, Ensign.

Battalion in the County of

Bristol.

Senior Clafs.

Thomas Allen, Captain,

Benjamin Bosworth, Lieut.

Shubael Kinnicut, Ensign.

Infantry Companies.

Bristol :

William Throop, Captain,

Joseph Reynolds, Lieutenant,

Jonathan Diman, Ensign.

Warren :

Curtis Coe, Captain,

Thomas Easterbrooke, Lieut.

Ichabod Cole, Ensign.

Barrington :

Viol Allen, Captain,

Daniel Kinnicut, Lieutenant,

John Short, Ensign.

First Battalion in the County

of Kent.

Thomas Tillinghast, Esq;

Lieut. Colonel Commandant,

Job Pearce, Esq; Major.

Artillery Company :

Oliver Gardner, Capt. Lieut.

Oliver Corey, Lieutenant.

Senior

Senior Class.

Robert Rhodes, Captain,
Hopkins Cooke, Lieutenant,
Philip Wightman, Ensign.

Infantry Companies.

Warwick :

First Company,

Job Randall, Captain,
James Arnold, jun. Lieut.
John Warner, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,

Squire Millard, Captain,
James Jerauld, Lieutenant,
John Stafford, Ensign.

Third Company,

Thomas Rice, (Son of Thomas) Captain,

Anthony Holden, Lieut.

Robert Edmonds, Ensign.

East-Greenwich :

First Company,

Micah Whitmarsh, Captain,
Edward Weeden, Lieut.
John Hall, Ensign.

Second Company,

Allen Johnson, Captain,
Mumford Davis, Lieutenant,
Josiah Jones, jun. Ensign.

Second Battalion in the County of *Newport :*

William Southworth, Esq;
Major in the Room of John Davis, Esq; who declined.

Infantry Companies.

Tiverton :

First Company,

Peleg Simmons, Captain,
Philip Manchester, Lieut.
Redford Dennis, Ensign.

Second Company,

Richard Durfee, Captain,
Humphry Shearman, Lieut.
Edward Bailey, Ensign.

Third Company :

Benjamin Howland, Captain,
Benjamin Devol, Lieutenant,
Elihu Giffard, Ensign.

Little-Compton :

First Company,

Benjamin Coe, Captain,
Isaac Wood, Lieutenant,
John Bailey, Ensign,

Second Company,

Stephen Pearce, Captain,
Rowse Pearce, Lieutenant,
William Coe, Ensign.

Second Battalion in the County of *Providence :*Senior Class in the Town of *Smithfield :*

Job Mowry, Captain,
George Streeter, Lieutenant,
Abraham Winfor, Ensign.

Senior Class in the Town of *Cumberland :*

Levi Tower, Captain,
Jesse Ballou, Lieutenant,
Joseph Raze, jun. Ensign.

Infantry Companies.

Smithfield :

First Company,

Benjamin Ballou, Captain,
Rufus Streeter, Lieutenant,
Simon Whipple, Ensign.

Second Company,

Ebenezer Trask, Captain,
Simeon Ballou, Lieutenant,
Eli Read, Ensign.

Third Company,

John Carpenter, Captain,
Samuel Holmes, Lieutenant,
William Fuller, Ensign.

Cumberland :

First Company,

Amaziah Wetherhead, Capt.
Christopher Whipple, Lieut.
Gideon Sprague, Ensign.

Second

Second Company,
Amos Whipple, Captain,
Squire Fisk, Lieutenant,
Noah Ballou, jun. Ensign.
Second Battalion in the County of *King's County*.

Artillery Company:
Richard Updike, Capt. Lt.
James Boone, Lieutenant.
Senior Class in the Town of *North-Kingstown*.

Samuel Phillips, Captain,
Samuel Northup, Lieut.
Thomas Bissell, Ensign.
Senior Class in the Town of *Exeter*:

David Herrington, Captain,
Samuel Bissell, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Shearman, Ensign.
Infantry Companies.

North-Kingstown:
First Company,
Samuel Dyre, Captain,
William Davis, Lieutenant.
Stukely Hill, Ensign.

Second Company,
Lawrence Pearce, Captain,
Henry Northup, Lieutenant,
Samuel Cole, Ensign.

Third Company,
John Brown, jun. Captain,
Beriah Waite, Lieutenant,
Joshua Brown, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Nathaniel Shearman, Capt.
James Owen, Lieutenant,
William Browning, Ensign.

Exeter:
First Company,
Robert Reynolds, jun. Capt.
William Potter, Lieutenant,
James Bates, Ensign.

Second Company,
Samuel Gorton, Captain,

Robert Perrigo, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Brown, jun. Enf.
Second Battalion in the County of *Kent*.

Senior Class in the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

Joseph Hopkins, Captain,
William Potter, Lieutenant,
James Bates, Ensign.

Senior Class in the Town of *Coventry*.

Abel Bennett, Captain,
Job Greene, Lieutenant.
Jonathan Nichols, Ensign:
Infantry Companies.

West-Greenwich:
First Company,
Samuel Hopkins, Captain,
Joseph Niles, Lieutenant,
Joseph Dolliver, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,
Benjamin Gorton, Captain,
Caleb Greene, Lieutenant,
Joseph Weaver, Ensign.

Third Company,
Joseph Draper, Captain,
Joseph James, Lieutenant,
Judiah Aylworth, jun. Enf.

Coventry:
First Company,
Joseph Brayton, Captain.
Ichabod Potter, Lieutenant,
Noell Potter, Ensign.

Second Company,
William Roy, Captain,
Lowry Jenekes, Lieutenant,
Oliver Wickes, Ensign.

Third Company,
Langford Weaver, Captain,
Samuel Greene (Son of Nathaniel) Lieut.
Samuel Whaley, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Asaph Bennett, Captain,

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| Joseph Rice, Lieutenant, Moses Blanchard, Ensign. Third Battalion in the County of <i>Providence</i> . Artillery Company : Isaac Medbury, jun. Captain, Job Fisk, jun. Lieutenant. Senior Class. Nathan Relph, Captain, Joseph Kimbal, Lieutenant. Nathaniel Lovel, Ensign. Infantry Companies. First Company, John Potter, Captain, Zebedee Snow, jun, Lieut. Oliver Leach, Ensign. Second Company, George Dorrance, jun. Capt. Thomas Potter, Lieutenant, John Johnson, Ensign. Third Company, Gideon Harris, Captain, William Brownell, Lieut. Caleb Westcot, Ensign. Fourth Company, Isaac Paine, Captain, John Cole, jun. Lieutenant, Richard Cole, jun. Ensign. Fifth Company, Samuel Wilbur, Captain, Peter Pearce, Lieutenant, Benjamin Wood, Ensign. Sixth Company, William Howard, Captain, James Wells, Lieutenant, John Hammond, Ensign. Third Battalion in the County of <i>King's County</i> . Artillery Company : Thomas Gardner, Capt. Lt. Allen Gardner, Lieutenant. Senior Class in the Town of <i>South-Kingstown</i> : William Taylor, Captain, Gardner W. Mumford, Lt. | James Cotterel, Ensign. Senior Class in the Town of <i>Richmond</i> : Thomas Tafft, Captain, John Woodmanfie, Lieut. Samuel Clarke, Ensign. Infantry Companies. <i>South-Kingstown</i> : First Company, Timothy Lock, jun. Captain, Daniel Tafft, Lieutenant, William Steadman, Ensign. Second Company, Paris Gardner, Captain, James Reynold, Lieutenant, Elisha Potter (Son of Benjamin) Ensign. Third Company, Godfrey Hazard, Captain, Thomas Champlin, Lieut. Joseph Hull, jun. Ensign. Fourth Company, Daniel Shearman, Captain, Jeremiah Knowles, Lieut. John Gardner, jun. Ensign. <i>Richmond</i> : First Company, Joshua Webb, Captain, Afa Clark, Lieut. Joseph Enos, Ensign. Second Company, John Clarke, Captain, Samuel Stanton, Lieutenant, Thomas W. Kinyon, Ensign. Fourth Battalion in the County of <i>Providence</i> . Artillery Company : Thomas Wood, Capt. Lieut. William Arnold, Lieutenant, Senior Class. Thomas Wells, Captain, Benjamin Tourtellot, Lieut. Jacob Bowen, Ensign. Infantry Companies. First Company, Peter |
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| Peter Lewis, Captain, | Third Company, |
| Henry Wheeler, Lieutenant, | Nathaniel Wade, Captain, |
| Zephaniah Keach, Ensign. | John Pray, Lieutenant, |
| Second Company, | Esek Brown, Ensign. |
| Samuel May, Captain, | Fourth Company, |
| James Colwell, Lieutenant, | Isaac Rofs, Captain, |
| Arnold Smith, Ensign. | Jeremiah Irons, Lieutenant, |
| | Seth Rofs, Ensign. |

Whereas the Committee for the Town of *Warwick*, did assess the Clafs in the said Town, whereof *Benjamin Arnold*, Elq; was Head, in the Sum of *Three Hundred Dollars*, Silver Money, for not furnishing a Recruit for the said Clafs : And whereas it appears since that the said Clafs has furnished a Recruit, agreeable to the Requisition of this Assembly : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Arnold* be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive the Sums of Money assessed upon the said Clafs, for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of procuring the said Recruit.

B. Arnold empowered to collect the Money assessed upon his Clafs.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol* notify Messieurs *Robert Carr*, *Curtis Cole*, *Caleb Carr*, and *Benajah Cole*, all in the County aforesaid, to appear before this Assembly at the next Session, to answer a Complaint against them for taking certain Articles from a Sloop, late belonging to Mr. *Robert Lawton*.

R. Carr, and others, to appear at the next Session.

Whereas *Stephen Potter* and *Esek Hopkins*, Esqrs. who were appointed to examine the Account of Capt. *Samuel Tompkins*, presented unto this Assembly the following Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

S. Tompkins allowed £166 15s. 5d.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* to *Samuel Tompkins*, Dr.

For a Quantity of Stock belonging to me, taken from *Prudence*, on the 2d of *September*, A. D. 1775, and valued at the Time by a Committee, *to wit* :

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| 44 Sheep, | at 12s | £ 26 8 0 |
| 1 Yoke of Oxen, | | 19 10 0 |
| 2 Yoke of Ditto, | at £15 per Yoke, | 30 0 0 |
| 1 Ox, | | 9 0 0 |
| 1 Cow, | | 5 8 0 |
| | | 7 young |

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| 7 young Cattle, | 28 17 6 |
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| To Interest on £119 3 6 for Five Years and | £119 3 6 |
| Nine Months, | 47 11 11 |
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| | £166 15 5 |

Providence, June 1, 1781.

WE, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of Capt. *Samuel Tompkins* and calculate the Interest thereon, do report, That the above Sum is justly due to the said *Samuel Tompkins*, in real Money; and that the General-Treasurer give Security to him therefor, with Interest from the Second Instant.

Stephen Potter, } Committee.
Ezek Hopkins, }

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to give his Obligation in Behalf of this State to the said *Samuel Tompkins*, for the said Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence*, lawful Silver Money payable on Demand with Interest until paid; which shall be in full Discharge of the said Account.

Allowance to
divers Persons
for collecting
Blankets.

Whereas *William Richmond, Joseph Stanton, jun. and Thomas Holden, Esqrs.* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine and adjust the Accounts for collecting and delivering Blankets, for the Use of the Men enlisted into Col. *Greene's* Continental Regiment for Six Months, do report, That there is due for that Service to the several Persons undernamed the Sums set against their Names respectively, in Silver Money, *to wit* :

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| To Mr. <i>Nathaniel Perkins</i> , of <i>South-Kingstown</i> , | £4 10 0 |
| To <i>Richard Smith</i> , Esq; of <i>Bristol</i> , | 1 4 0 |
| To Mr. <i>Giles Lawton</i> , of <i>Portsmouth</i> , | 1 7 0 |
| To | |

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| To Mr. Timothy Peckham, of South-Kingstown, | £ 1 16 0 |
| To Mr. Joseph Cross, of Charlestown, | 2 0 0 |
| To Mr. Aaron Simmons, of Little-Compton, | 2 0 0 |
| To Mr. Sheffield Wilcox, of Richmond, | 1 4 0 |
| To Mr. Stephen Congdon, of North-Kingstown, | 0 12 0 |
| To Capt. Stephen Jenckes, of North-Providence, | 0 15 0 |

No other Accounts for that Service have been presented to us.

William Richmond, }
Joseph Stanton, jun. } Committee.
Thomas Holden, }

Providence, May 30, 1781.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the undermentioned Sums be paid to the said Persons out of the General-Treasury, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, in full Satisfaction for their respective Accounts, *to wit*: To the said Nathaniel Perkins, Nine Pounds; to the said Richard Smith, Two Pounds Eight Shillings; to the said Giles Lawton, Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings; to the said Timothy Peckham, Three Pounds Twelve Shillings; to the said Joseph Cross, Four Pounds; to the said Aaron Simmons, Four Pounds; to the said Sheffield Wilcox, Two Pounds Eight Shillings; to the said Stephen Congdon, One Pound Four Shillings; and to the said Stephen Jenckes, One Pound Ten Shillings.

In Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Gloucester Light-Infantry Company, who are as followeth, *to wit*:

Officers for
the Gloucester
Light-Infan-
try.

Timothy Wilmarth, Captain,
Martin Smith, First Lieutenant,
Elijah Armstrong, Second Lieutenant,
Ezekiel Brown, Ensign.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be, and hereby is, approved.

Upon the Petition of a considerable Part of the Second Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of Westerly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Company be,
Second Com-
pany in Wes-
terly divided.

be, and hereby is, divided into Two Companies in the following Manner, *to wit* : By a Line beginning at the *Charlestown* Line to the Eastward of *William Crandall's* Houle and thence running West to the said Houle, leaving the same in the upper or Fourth Company ; from thence running Northerly to *Jonathan Siffon's*, House leaving the same in the said upper or Fourth Company, and from thence to the Meadow Brook : And that all to the Northward of the said Line be embodied into a Company by the Name of the Fourth Trained Band, or Company of Militia, of the Town of *Westerly*.

Flag granted
to *D. Glegg* and
others to go to
Bermuda.

Whereas *David Glegg*, Master, and *William Smith*, Mate of the Schooner *Flying-Fish*, and *Samuel Spencer* and *Josiah Hodges* (for himself, his Wife, and Two Children) Passengers in the said Schooner, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That being bound from *New-York* to the Island of *Bermuda*, of which they are all Inhabitants, they were taken and brought into this State, and here detained as Prisoners of War, at a great Expence : And that if they may be permitted to return to the said Island they will engage upon their Honours to send back, either from *Bermuda*, or *New-York*, a like Number of Prisoners of equal Rank : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to permit them, at their sole Expence, to hire a small Vessel, to be qualified as a Flag of Truce, to carry them to the said Island : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted, they giving their Paroles to the Commissary of Prisoners in this State, and engaging to return a like Number of Prisoners of equal Rank : And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a Commission for that Purpose in the usual Form.

Provided nevertheless, That the Vessel which shall be so qualified do not sail without the Approbation of the Commander in Chief of his Most Christian Majesty's Fleet, in the Harbour of *Newport*, being first obtained.

G. Olney allowed £1 15.

It is Voted and Resolved. That One Pound One Shilling, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *George Olney*, for entering the Grants of the General Assembly, at *January* Session last, into the State's Book, &c.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That Sixty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. Joshua Pendleton, to discharge the Pay-Abstract of his Company which was upon Duty in the Months of July and August, A. D. 1779.

Pay-Abstract of J. Pendleton's Company allowed £69 10s 8d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That so much of the Militia Act as establishes a Company of Horse to each Battalion of Militia be, and the same is hereby, repealed: And that the said Companies of Horse be reduced, and the Men composing them turned over to the Senior Classes in the Towns to which they belong, if they are entitled thereto; if not to the Militia at large.

The Horse of the Militia Regiments reduced.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Eight Pence, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. John Demount, for his Services and Expences, with an Assistant, in going to Coventry and appraising Cattle for the Army.

J. Demount allowed £9 19s 8d.

It appearing to this Assembly that the Class in Scituate, of which Nathaniel Lovell is Head, inlisted a Mustee for the said Class, who had before inlisted into Col. Greene's Regiment for the War; but that there was not the least Appearance of Fraud in the said Clats in inlisting the said Soldier: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Class be exempt from raising another Recruit: And that Lieut. Oliver Jenckes pay into the General-Treasury Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-eight Continental Dollars of the old Emission, and Three Pounds One Shilling and Ten Pence, Silver Money, which Sums were taken from the said Mustee.*

N. Lovell's Class in Scituate exempted from raising another Recruit.

Whereas William Toggart, Esq; Mr. William Langley and Christopher Ellery, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the Committee respecting Sea-Coal sold by T. Freebody.

The Subscribers being appointed to inquire into the Circumstances of some Magazines of Sea-Coal left in the Town of Newport by the Enemy, at their Evacuation, do report, That, from the best Information your Committee hath been able to procure, Thomas Freebody, Esq; took and sold upwards of One Thousand Bushels of the said Sea-Coal

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at the Rate of *One Silver Dollar*, per Bushel, and applied the same to his own Use ; which the said *Thomas Freebody* alledged was given him by the Enemy, in Consideration of the Use of his Stores. All which is submitted by

William Taggart,
William Langley, } Committee.
Christopher Ellery,

On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be received and referred to the next Session : And that in the mean Time the Secretary cause the said *Thomas Freebody* to be served with a Copy thereof, and cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, to shew cause, if any he hath, why he should not pay the said Money into the General-Treasury.

M. Bowler allowed £14 8s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fourteen Pound Eight Shillings*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; for his Services in collecting, stating and transcribing this State's Account against the Continent.

S. Snow allowed £24. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-four Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Capt. *Samuel Snow*, for his Wages in Col. *Greene's* Regiment, in *July* and *August*, *A. D.* 1780.

D. Johnson's Account. Whereas *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Lieut. *David Johnson*, deceased, to wit :

Dr. The Heirs of Lieut. *David Johnson*, deceased, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

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| 1781. To Three-Quarters of his Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £ 109 13 9 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 36 11 3 |
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| | £ 146 5 0 |

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to him from the State,

State, for Depreciation, as settled by
the Committee, Three-Quarters paya-
ble in Lands, and One-Quarter in
Money,

£ 146 5 0

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 25, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Ac-
count stand balanced.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be,
and he is hereby, directed to issue Warrants of Distress on
the Eleventh Day of June, A. D. 1781, against the
Town-Treasurers of each respective Town in this State,
that shall be deficient in paying into the General-Treasury
the whole Amount of the Sums assessed against them res-
pectively for raising and paying into the General-Treasury
One Million of Pounds, Continental Money of the old E-
missions: And that the said Warrants be returnable in Ten
Days after the Date.

General-
Treasurer to
issue Warrants
of Distress.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Towns which are de-
ficient in paying into the General-Treasury the Sums asses-
sed upon them respectively for procuring Beef be, and they
are hereby, required to pay the same into the General-
Treasury, on or before the Eighth Day of June, A. D.
1781, with Interest from the Fifth Day of May preceding:
That in Case any Town shall neglect to pay the same as
aforesaid such Town shall forfeit and pay into the General-
Treasury double the Sum it shall be in Arrear: And that
the General-Treasurer on the Ninth Day of June aforesaid
issue his Warrants of Distress for collecting the same.

Further Time
allowed for
the Beef Tax.

Whereas it is represented unto this Assembly, That the
Collectors of Taxes for several Towns in this State have
refused to collect the Money assessed upon the Classes for
filling up the Continental Battalion of this State: *It is there-
fore Voted and Resolved,* That if any Collector of Taxes shall
for the Space of Three Days after he shall be tendered a
Rate-Bill from the Committee of such Town for classing
refuse to receive and collect the same, the Sheriff of the
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Additional A^d
for collecting
Money from
delinquent
Classes.

County in which such Towns lies, or his Deputy, shall receive such Rate-Bill, and execute the same according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and deliver the Money so collected to the Chairman of the Committee from whom he shall receive it: For collecting and paying which such Sheriff, or his Deputy, shall receive double Fees.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Collector of Taxes hath received such Rate-Bill from a Committee to collect the Money assessed upon a Class, and hath neglected, or shall neglect, to execute the same according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, such Committee shall and may prosecute such Collector at a Special Court, to be called and holden in the same Manner as Special Courts are in other Cases directed by Law to be called and holden: And upon Conviction shall pay all Costs, Charges and Damages that Collectors of Rates are liable to, by Law, in other Cases.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That in all Cases of Refusal or Neglect the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, directed to prosecute all such delinquent Collectors according to the Act passed at the Session in *January* last, in Addition to the Act passed in *November* last, for filling up the Continental Battalion of this State.

J. Carter allowed £12 11s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *John Carter*, for Printing Proclamations, Acts of Assembly, 'Treasurer's Warrants, advertising Deserters, &c.

Further Time allowed to pay Taxes.

Whereas the General-Treasurer of this State hath, in Pursuance of an Order of this Assembly, issued his Warrants against the Town-Treasurers of several Towns which are deficient in paying the Taxes assessed upon them respectively; which Warrants were returnable on the First Day of *June*, *A. D.* 1781, upon which several of them have been committed to and now remain in Gaol: And whereas a further Time is requested for the said delinquent Towns to pay in their Deficiencies: And this Assembly being willing to shew every reasonable Indulgence, *Do Vote and Resolve*, and it is *Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Treasurers committed as aforesaid be enlarged from their present Confinement: That the said delinquent Towns be empowered

empowered to collect and pay the Sums, together with the Interest and Fees of the Officers due from them respectively, at any Time before the Twelfth Day of *June* aforesaid : That upon a Certificate from the General-Treasurer being produced to the Sheriff, or his Deputy, who is in Possession of any of the said Warrants that the Money hath been so paid such Officer shall return the same satisfied : That in case such Certificate be not produced, nor the Money paid, on the said Twelfth Day of *June* to the Officer who hath the executing of any of the said Warrants such Officer shall commit to close Gaol in the County to which he belongs, every Town-Treasurer against whom Warrants have been issued as aforesaid, and which remain unsatisfied as aforesaid : And that the Keepers of the Gaols in this State respectively receive such Town-Treasurers into their Custody, and keep them confined until the Sums due from their respective Towns be fully satisfied.

And to enable the Collectors of Taxes to collect the Money to discharge the said Town-Treasurers, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the said Collectors be, and they are hereby, empowered to make Sale of the Cattle, or Goods, which shall be distrained in Payment of the said Taxes, and of their Fees, in Five Days after such Distrainment shall be made : Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whereas his Excellency Count *de Rochambeau*, General of His Most Christian Majesty's Army in this State, hath represented, that it may be necessary for the removing the Baggage and Stores of the said Army from *Newport* to *Providence* to impress a Number of Teams : Wherefore, that the said Army may not be impeded in its March, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Irish*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed and fully empowered to impress such a Number of Teams in the County of *Newport* as shall be required by the Count *de Rochambeau*, for the Transportation of the said Baggage and Stores from *Newport* to *Bristol Ferry* : That *Nathaniel Fales*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed, and fully empowered, to impress a sufficient Number of Teams within the County of *Bristol*, to convey the said Baggage and Stores from *Bristol Ferry* to *Providence* : And that the said *George Irish* and *Nathaniel Fales* be empowered to appoint proper Persons under them, to assist in performing the said Service ; and also to employ
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Teams to be provided for the French Army.

suitable Persons to drive and take Charge of such Teams as the Owners do not attend upon themselves.

Men ordered
on *Rhode-Is-*
land.

Whereas it is highly expedient that a Body of Troops, completely armed and accoutred, should be on the Island of *Rhode-Island*, on or before *Tuesday*, the 5th Day of *June*, A. D. 1781, to be stationed at such Places as the Commander of that Post shall deem necessary for the Safety and Defence thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the following Independent Companies, *to wit*: The Artillery of *Providence*; the *Kentish-Guards*, the *Kingsston-Reds*, and the *Pawtuxet-Rangers*, forthwith turn out One Half of the Men belonging to their respective Corps to march to *Newport*, to be upon the Ground by the said Fifth Day of *June*; there to do Duty for one Month: That the Men so furnished by the said Independent Companies be accounted to the Towns to which they respectively belong, and be reckoned as so many Men furnished towards their Quota of Five Hundred Men ordered to be raised at the present Session: That the said Independent Companies be led by their own Officers: That the Towns of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton* forthwith furnish One Hundred and Two Men, to be at *Newport* on the said Fifth Day of *June*, to do Duty for Ten Days, which shall be in Lieu of their furnishing their Quota for One Month's Service: That the said Town of *Tiverton* furnish Fifty-seven, and the said Town of *Little-Compton* Forty-five, of the aforesaid Men, who are to be led by the Militia Officers of the said Towns: That they all be under the Command of the Commanding-Officer of the Post at *Rhode-Island*: And that the whole of the aforesaid Men who shall do Duty as aforesaid shall be excused from doing further Duty until the remaining Part of the Men in their respective Towns shall have done an equal Tour of Duty.

Recommen-
dation to Con-
gress to pay
the Post-Ri-
ders,

It being represented unto this Assembly, That the Continental Post-Riders, who pass through this State, will soon be under the Necessity of quitting that Employment, unless they can have their Accounts settled, and the Money due to them paid: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to write to the Delegates of this State in Congress, and instruct them to represent to Congress the many Disadvantages that must attend a Stoppage of the Posts from pass-
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ing through this State, and to urge in the strongest Terms for the Settlement of their Accounts, and the Payment of the Sums due to them, as soon as possible.

Whereas *Christopher Ellery, Rowse J. Helme* and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *Charles Holten, jun. Esq;* and Report thereon, as follow, to wit :

Report upon
C. Holder's Ac-
count, and he
allowed £339
15s 9d.

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account Current with *Charles Holden, jun.* Commissary of Purchases.

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| 1781. To the Amount of Supplies purchased with Money, as per the Account of Particulars annexed | £11159 | 7 | 2 |
| To the Amount of Supplies purchased with Certificates, as per the Account of Particulars annexed | 16,260 | 12 | 2 |
| | 27,419 | 19 | 4 |
| To my Commissions on £27,419 19s 4d at 1 per Cent | 274 | 3 | 11 |
| | £27,694 | 3 | 3 |

Creditor.

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| 1780. By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £10,324 | 1 | 11 |
| By Beef received of sundry Persons, Tenants to the State, on Account of Rent, amounting to | 711 | 4 | 6 |
| By 2465 lb. Beef, delivered by Col. <i>Crary</i> and Mr. <i>Demont</i> , to the Workmen, in Part of Payment for Labor, | 58 | 8 | 11 |
| By the Amount of Certificates issued by me on the General-Treasurer, | 16,260 | 12 | 2 |
| Balance due to <i>Charles Holden, jun.</i> | 339 | 15 | 9 |
| | £27,694 | 3 | 3 |

Errors excepted,

Charles Holden, jun.

Providence, June 2, 1781.

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WE, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine and adjust the Accounts of *Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of Purchases for this State, having examined the Vouchers for the Expenditures, and Money received from, and Certificates issued upon the General-Treasurer by him, do find the above Balance of *Three Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, due to the said *Charles Holden*, jun.

We also report, That we have examined the Vouchers for the Delivery of the Purchases, and find them agree with the annexed Account of Particulars.

Christopher Ellery,
Rowse J Helme, } Committee.
Thomas Rumriell,

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: And that for the said Balance, being *Three Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, the General-Treasurer give his Note to the said *Charles Holden*, jun. payable on Demand, in Silver Money, with Interest until paid; which Note, when paid, will be in full of the said Account.

C. Ellery allowed £8 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed to *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; for Eleven Days Service and Expences in adjusting the Account of *Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of Purchases in this State; and that the same be paid him by the General-Treasurer out of the Tax for Silver Money, to be ordered at the present Session.

T. Rumreill allowed £7 3s 2d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Two Pence*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; for Ten Days Service and Expences, in adjusting the Account of *Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of Purchases in this State; and that the same be paid him by the General-Treasurer out of the Tax for Silver Money to be ordered at the present Session.

T. Slocum permitted to go to New-York.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thankful Slocum*, the Wife of *Eleazer Slocum*, a Refugee. be permitted to go in the First

First Cartel-Vessel to her said Husband who is at *New-York*, and to carry her little Daughter with her, under the Direction and Inspection of the Commander of the Post at *Rhode-Island*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Class in the Town of *Coventry*, whereof Mr. *Moses Blanchard* is Head, which in-
 listed a Man to serve as a Recruit who proved an Invalid, pay into the General-Treasury the whole Amount of the Bounty allowed by this State for a Recruit; and that thereupon the said Class be discharged. Class in *Coventry* discharged.

Whereas *Samuel Allen*, *Robert Potter*, and *Ezekiel Gardner*, jun. Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit: Report concerning *Andrew Craige*.

WE, the Subscribers, do report, That by a careful Inquiry and Examination of Witnesses it appears to us that the Class in *Coventry*, whereof Mr. *Caleb Vaughan* is Head gave their Note for One Hundred Dollars, to Mr. *Andrew Craige*, and also by his Order paid One Hundred Dollars, to a certain Negro Man; in Consideration whereof he did engage to furnish the said Class with a Recruit: That the Person provided by the said *Andrew Craige* proved to be a Slave: And that thereupon he did agree with the said Class to furnish another Recruit on their paying him the said Note of Hand upon such other Recruit's passing Muster.

June 1, 1781.
Samuel Allen,
Robert Potter,
Ezekiel Gardner, jun. } Committee.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted: That the said *Andrew Craige* furnish within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, an able-bodied effective Recruit for the Class aforesaid, to be mustered at *Providence*: That if the said *Andrew Craige* shall refuse or neglect to furnish a Recruit as aforesaid the Committee for classing Persons in the Town of *Coventry* immediately after the Expiration of the said Ten Days, hire a suitable Recruit for the said Class: That the said *Andrew Craige* pay all the Costs and Charges of procuring such Recruit; for which Purpose the whole of his Estate, real and personal, shall be liable: That the
said

said *Caleb Vaughan* pay into the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred Silver Dollars*, for which he gave his Note to the said *Andrew Craige*; which Sum the said *Andrew Craige* shall be entitled to receive upon his lodging the said Note in the General-Treasury for the said *Caleb Vaughan*: And that the said *Caleb Vaughan* deliver to the said *Andrew Craige* *Eighty-five Dollars*, in Continental Money of the old Emissions, *One Dollar*, Continental Money of the new Emission, *One Pair of Breeches*, *One Jacket*, *One Pair of Shoes*, and *One Knife*, which were saved from the Slave who was procured by the said *Andrew Craige*, as a Recruit for the said Class.

Assistant al-
lowed to the
Treasurer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer of this State, be, and he is hereby, empowered to employ a suitable Person to assist him in the said Office, from Time to Time, as the Business thereof may require.

Estate of *D.*
Benjamin and
T. Reynolds se-
questered.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, either by himself or Deputy, immediately take Possession of the real Estate of *David Benjamin*, in *Exeter*, in Behalf of this State; and also of the Cattle, late belonging to *Thomas Reynolds*, in *Exeter*, in whose Possession soever the same may be.

Action against
J. Hill stop-
ped.

Mr. James Hill, of *Providence*, having represented unto this Assembly, That the Attorney-General, in Behalf of this State, commenced an Action against him for the Rent of the House he now occupies: And that having a large Family, and suffered several Losses lately he is unable to discharge the same, without leaving his Family destitute: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the said Action to be stopped: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *James Hill's* giving his Note to the General-Treasurer, to and for the Use of this State, for *Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, Silver Money, being the Rent due on the 25th Day of *March* last, payable upon Demand, the said Action be stopped; and he discharged from the Sheriff, and the said Demand.

M. Manchester
allowed £3
15s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Mr. Matthew Manchester*, out of the General-Treasury, for *Five Days Service*, and Expenses, in assisting in the Division of the *Point-Judith Farm*, and

and setting off the Lands assigned to the Officers and Soldiers for Depreciation ; and that the same be paid out of the Tax for Silver Money to be ordered at the present Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes and Welcome Arnold, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to purchase, immediately, Cloth, and to procure a sufficient Number of Tents to be made therewith ; and to forward them as soon as possible to Head-Quarters, for the Use of the Continental Battalion of this State : And that William Channing, Esq; pay to the said Committee the necessary Sums of Money for the Purpose aforesaid, out of the Money arising from the Sale of the Goods condemned, to and for the Use of this State, by a Judgment of the Superior Court.

Committee to procure Tents.

Whereas it appears unto this Assembly, That Messieurs Samuel Burr and Benjamin Barton, both of Warren, did a Tour of Duty in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Church, when the Militia was called out in July last ; but that by Mistake their Names were omitted in the Abstract : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Peter Church furnish the said Samuel Burr and Benjamin Barton with Certificates for each of them to draw the Sum of Seventy-five Pounds, in Continental Bills of the Old Emissions ; and that the General-Treasurer receive the same in Payment of so much of the Tax due from the Town of Warren.*

S. Burr and B. Barton allowed £75 each.



An ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, in Silver or Gold, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, payable in Gold or Silver, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State : And that the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds be collected and paid into the General-Treasury of this State ; Ten Thousand Pounds, Part thereof, on or before the First Day of August next ; and the remaining Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the First Day of October next.

Act for raising £20000, Silver Money, by Tax.

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It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Ten Shillings, being Six Pence upon every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age, and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, assessed unto and upon the several Towns in the following Proportions, to wit:

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| Newport, | £ | 1023 | 5 | 0 | |
| Portsmouth. | | 341 | 0 | 0 | |
| Middletown, | | 220 | 13 | 0 | |
| Jamestown, | | 113 | 13 | 0 | |
| Tiverton, | | 739 | 0 | 0 | |
| Little-Compton, | | 597 | 5 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 3034 16 0 |
| Providence, | £ | 1437 | 18 | 0 | |
| Smithfield, | | 1337 | 12 | 0 | |
| Scituate, | | 1223 | 19 | 0 | |
| Gloucester, | | 1056 | 14 | 0 | |
| Cumberland, | | 607 | 10 | 0 | |
| Cranston, | | 824 | 17 | 0 | |
| Johnston, | | 429 | 6 | 0 | |
| North-Providence, | | 306 | 16 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 7224 12 0 |
| Westerly, | £ | 648 | 14 | 0 | |
| North-Kingstown, | | 994 | 3 | 6 | |
| South-Kingstown, | | 2021 | 15 | 0 | |
| Charlestown, | | 543 | 14 | 6 | |
| Richmond, | | 470 | 11 | 0 | |
| Exeter, | | 688 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hopkinton, | | 601 | 18 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 5968 16 0 |
| Bristol, | £ | 436 | 6 | 0 | |
| Warren, | | 260 | 16 | 0 | |
| Barrington, | | 205 | 9 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 902 11 0 |
| Warwick, | £ | 1177 | 15 | 0 | |
| East-Greenwich, | | 532 | 8 | 0 | |
| West-Greenwich, | | 490 | 5 | 0 | |

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It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same be paid. And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer; who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant, within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates and Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General-Treasury, its Proportion of the said Tax by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, immediately after the Expiration of the Time of Payment of the said Tax; which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

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It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken. And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer, and Collector of Rates, of their respective Towns, to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time that they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax : And that the Assessors of Taxes be, and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and not lay the Poll-Tax upon such as they think unable to pay the same.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Three Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.



Divers Persons
permitted to
sign the Test.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Webster Kinyon, Remington Clarke, Weeden Clarke and William Rogers, all of Richmond, be empowered to subscribe the Test heretofore ordered to be subscribed by the Inhabitants of this State; and that thereupon they be entitled to all the Privileges enjoyed by those who have already subscribed the same.

Whereas

Whereas Mr. *David Lawrence* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Expences of equipping a Vessel, by Order of the Council of War, to go to *New-York* to effect an Exchange of Prisoners; which Account was committed to Mr. *Joseph Brown*, and *William Taggart* and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esqrs. for Adjustment, who made the following Report thereon, to wit:

D. Lawrence
allowed £37
3s 4d.

The Subscribers having examined this Account with the Vouchers and Certificates respecting the same, do report, That the Sum of *Thirty-seven Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid unto the said *David Lawrence*, in Order to discharge the several Accounts which he stands chargeable for: And that the Sum aforesaid be in full of this Account

Joseph Brown,
William Taggart,
Rowse J. Helme, } Committee.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Thirty-Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, be paid the said *David Lawrence*, out of the General-Treasury, in full for the said Account.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Memorial and Petition of Col. *William Barton*, for an Allowance for his Depreciation-Money and Wages be received: And that Mr. *Joseph Brown*, and *Charles Keene* and *Welcome Arnold*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine into the Matters set forth in the said Memorial and Petition: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Col. Barton's
Petition referred.

It is Voted and Resolved; That *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; for Six Days Service in settling the Accounts of this State's Continental Battalion: And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

E. Hopkins also
allowed £4 10s

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Ten Pounds Four Shillings*, Silver, *J. Jencks* allowed £10 4s.

Silver Money, be allowed to *John Jenckes, Esq;* for Fourteen Days Service in settling the Accounts of this State's Continental Battalion, &c. And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

W. Barker allowed £4 2s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. William Barker, for the Hire of his Horses, and of Men to carry Expresses on public Service to East-Greenwich, Warren, &c. And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

Z. Story allowed 800 Dollars with Interest.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Zebedee Story be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive, out of the General-Treasury, the Sum of Eight Hundred Silver Dollars, which he heretofore deposited therein: And that the General-Treasurer pay the Interest thereof, from the Time it was deposited until it shall be paid, at the Rate of Six per Centum per Annum.

S. Butler allowed £2 16s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Samuel Butler, for Horse-hire, and the Service of his Son, in carrying Expresses of a public Nature to Bristol and Newport: And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

R. Sprague allowed £1 10s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Rufus Sprague, for his Service and Horse-hire in carrying the General-Treasurer's Warrants to King's-County, &c. And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

Certain Lands sold by the State to be re-surveyed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Benjamin West be, and he is hereby, appointed to resurvey the Farms lying in Bristol which Mr. John Brown purchased, late belonging to William Vassal, and which Messieurs Fales, Bourne and Smith purchased, late belonging to John Borland: That Messieurs Matthew Manchester and Peter Burlingame carry the Chain: That Caleb Harris and Thomas Holden, Esqrs. attend

attend in Behalf of this State at the Times and Places of the Resurvey: That the said *Benjamin West* make an accurate Survey of the Farms aforesaid and plat the same: And that the said *Benjamin West*, *Matthew Manchester* and *Peter Burlingame* have the sole determining how near the Sea or Salt-Water the same be measured.

And it is farther Voted and Resolved, That if upon the Resurvey the said Farms shall be found to contain a Number of Acres less than they were surveyed for, the Expence of the Resurvey shall be paid by the State, and the Difference shall be allowed to the Purchasers: And that, if the said Farms shall be found to contain an equal or greater Number of Acres than they were surveyed for, the Purchasers shall pay the said Expence, and for the overplus Land.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Class in *Johnston* whereof Col. *John Waterman* was Head, be, and the same is hereby, exempted from furnishing another Recruit.

J. Waterman's
Class exonerated.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Mr. *John Bours* respecting the Claim of Messieurs *Willing* and *Morris*, of *Philadelphia*, to certain sequestered Estates in *Tiverton*, late the Property of *Naphtali* and *Isaac Hart* be received; and that the Matters represented in the said Petition be referred to *William Channing*, *William Taggart* and *Timothy Waterhouse*, Esqrs. who are to make Inquiry into the same, and report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Bours's Petition in Behalf of *Willing* and *Morris* referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings* be allowed to Mr. *Asa Hopkins*, for the Reward for, and Expences of, taking up a Defenter and delivering him to Lieut. Col. *Olney*, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

A. Hopkins allowed £8 16s.

Whereas Capt. *Stephen Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Casks to put Meal in, for carting Meal, and for storing and delivering out Meal; which was referred to Mr. *Joseph Brown*, and *Stephen Potter* and *Robert Potter*, Esqrs. who made the following Report thereon, to wit;

S. Jenckes allowed £2 17s 6d.

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The Subscribers being appointed to audit and report upon the Account of Capt. *Stephen Jenckes*, do report, That *Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, is due to him, and is in full of the said Account ; and that nothing ought to be allowed for receiving, storing and delivering the Meal, as we are of Opinion the Toll for grinding is an adequate Compensation for the whole Business.

Joseph Brown,
Stephen Potter,
Robert Potter, } Committee.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, be paid, by the General-Treasurer, to the said *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the Silver Money Tax ordered at the present Session.

Six Months
 Men and Mi-
 litia to be paid,

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward* be, and he is hereby, appointed and directed to complete the Abstracts of the Wages due to the non-commissioned Officers and Privates who enlisted for Six Months in the Regiment commanded by Col. *Christopher Greene* : That he make out Certificates of the Sums due to them respectively, and transmit the same to the Town-Treasurers of the Towns by which they were severally enlisted, to be by them delivered to the Individuals to whom the Money is due : And that the General-Treasurer and Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns receive the said Certificates in Payment of so much of the Tax for Silver Money, ordered at the present Session, as they express.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That Brigadier-General *Nathan Miller* be, and he is hereby, appointed and directed to complete the Abstracts of the Militia Officers and Men who did Duty in Pursuance of an Act passed by this Assembly in *February* last : That he make out Certificates of the Sums due to them respectively, and transmit the same to the Town-Treasurers of the Towns to which they severally belong, to be by them delivered to the Individuals to whom the Money is due : And that the General-Treasurer and Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns receive the said Certificates in Payment of so much of the aforesaid Tax as they express.

And

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer and Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns also receive the Certificates granted by Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, Major *Ebenezer Flagg*, Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes* or *John Reynolds*, Esq; for Blankets by them received in Pursuance of an Act of this Assembly passed in *November A. D. 1780*, in Payment of so much of the said Tax as they express; allowing *Twenty Shillings*, Silver Money, for each Blanket, estimated at *Eighty Pounas*, old Continental Money, and in the same Proportion for One of a less Value.

Whereas *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, amounting to *Fourteen Pounds Four Shillings*, Silver Money, for his Attendance at several Sessions as Clerk of the Lower House, and as One of the Committee for settling the Accounts of *Charles Holden*, jun. Esq; and therein credited the State for *Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Six Pence*, for the Amount of the Sale of a Boat sold by him, by Order of this Assembly: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, be paid, by the General-Treasurer, to the said *Rowse J. Helme*, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

R. J. Helme allowed £11 14s 6d.

Whereas *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for receiving, storing, and delivering out to Col. *Greene's* Regiment, in the Year 1780, a Quantity of Corn; upon which the Committee reported as followeth, *to wit*:

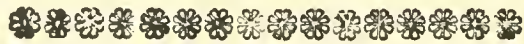
G. Mumford allowed £4 4d $\frac{1}{2}$

The Subscribers being appointed to adjust the Account of *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; do report, That there is due to him the Sum of *Four Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, Silver Money.

Stephen Potter,
Joseph Brown,
Robert Potter, } Committee.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Four Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, Silver Money, be paid to the said *Gideon Mumford*;

ford, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.



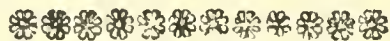
An A C T constituting a Council of War.

A^d constituting a Council of War.

WH E R E A S his Excellency General *Washington* hath recommended to this State to invest the Executive Authority with full Powers, during the Recess of the General Assembly, to comply with any further necessary Requisition that he may make for Men, Provisions, or for the Means of Transportation: And whereas, from the present Appearances, there is Reason to apprehend that this State, in the Course of the Campaign, may be subject to Invasion; and unless the necessary Powers to call forth the Strength of the State, in Cases of imminent Danger, be invested in a suitable Council the Safety of the State may be greatly endangered:

Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Council of War be constituted, to consist of Five Members, Three of whom shall make a Quorum: That the said Council, when called by his Excellency the Governor, or his Honor the Deputy-Governor, shall and may, in the Recess of the General Assembly, make, ordain, constitute, and appoint all such Orders, Decrees, Regulations, and Commands of a military Nature, necessary for calling forth the Strength of this State, in all Cases that require sudden and immediate Dispatch: And that such their Orders, Decrees, Regulations, and Commands shall be as Valid as though enacted and ordained by this General Assembly.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sum of Fifteen Shillings, Silver Money, per Day, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to each of the Members who shall necessarily attend.



7 Hill allow-
ed £12.

Mr. *Jonathan Hill* having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the United States, for the

the Board and Nursing of *William Pearce*, a wounded Soldier, in this State's Continental Battalion, and for the Doctor's Bill; whereon *Charles Keene* and *Daniel Holloway*, Esqrs. and Mr. *John Weeden*, a Committee appointed to examine it, reported the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Silver Money, to be due: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Silver Money, be paid to the said *Jonathan Hill*, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax ordered for Silver Money at the present Session.

Whereas the following Report was laid before this Assembly, to wit:

Report of the
Committee
upon salted
Provisions.

W B, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to inspect a Quantity of Beef put up for the State, do report, That of the Beef shewed to us by the Coopers, Two Barrels brought from *Bristol*, and Three from *East Greenwich*, are unfit for Use: That we likewise saw a large Quantity of Beef, supposed by the Coopers to be about Sixty Barrels, which hath received Damage by the Badness of the Barrels and Want of Salt; but may be saved with proper Care: And that it appears that the Remainder of the Beef from *Bristol* and *East-Greenwich* is in good Order.

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| <i>Jabez Bowen,</i> | } | Committee. |
| <i>George Irish,</i> | | |
| <i>Jonathan Comstock,</i> | | |
| <i>Robert Potter,</i> | | |
| <i>Samuel Allen,</i> | | |

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted: That *John Jenckes*, Esq; have the Care of the above-mentioned Beef: That he sell the Five Barrels reported to be unfit for Use at public Sale and account for the Money: And that he first deliver to the Issuing-Commissary the Beef which is in the poorest Order that it may be consumed before the extreme Heat of the Summer comes on.

An ACT in Addition to an Act passed in December, A D. 1780, intituled, " An Act ascertaining the Depreciation of the Bills of public Credit, and fixing the Value of private Contracts in Spanish milled Dollars, since the same have been in Circulation, &c."

WHEREAS

Act in Addition to the Act ascertaining Depreciation.

W H E R E A S the Depreciation of the Paper Currency is ascertained in the aforesaid Act only up to the First Day of *April*, A. D. 1780, since which Time there hath been a still further and great Depreciation thereof; and in Order that Justice may be done, it is necessary that the same should be ascertained to the present Time; and that the Courts of Law should be directed in what Manner to make up Judgments and issue Executions for Contracts in the Paper Currency:

Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the following Table or Estimate, exhibiting the Value of the Paper Currency in Spanish milled Dollars, shall be the Standard for fixing the Value of all Contracts, in Bills of Credit of the United States, issued before the 18th of March, 1780, made since the said First Day of April, A. D. 1780, to the 30th Day of May, 1781, and that the several Courts of Law within this State shall govern themselves by the same, in making up Judgments, to wit:

From *April* 1, 1780, to *April* 20, one *Spanish* milled Dollar was equal to 40 of the old Emissions of Continental Currency.

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| To <i>April</i> | 25, | 42 | To <i>September</i> | 10, | 71 |
| | 30, | 44 | <i>October</i> | 15, | 72 |
| <i>May</i> | 6, | 46 | <i>November</i> | 10, | 73 |
| | 10, | 47 | | 30, | 74 |
| | 15, | 49 | 1781, | | |
| | 20, | 54 | <i>February</i> | 27, | 75 |
| | 25, | 60 | <i>April</i> | 15, | 76 |
| | 30, | 62 | | 20, | 77 |
| <i>June</i> | 10, | 64 | | 25, | 78 |
| | 15, | 68 | | 30, | 79 |
| | 20, | 69 | <i>May</i> | 15, | 80 |
| <i>August</i> | 15, | 70 | | 30, | 160 |

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Courts of Law in this State be, and they hereby are, directed and required to make up and enter their Judgments, in all Cases, for lawful Money, in Silver or Gold, as ascertained in an Act of the General Assembly, passed at June Session, A. D. 1763, intituled, "An Act declaring what

what is and shall be Lawful Money." &c. And that all Costs arising in any Suit at Law, of what Kind soever, and Officers Fees, shall be computed in like lawful Money, and shall, on Account of the raised Prices of the Necessaries of Life in general, be 25 *per Cent.* or One Quarter Part more than as allowed by Law in the Year 1774. And all Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, shall be computed in like lawful Money, equal in Value to the Sums specified.

And whereas the Continental Paper Bills of the old Emissions have been considered as a Medium of Trade, and a Measure in Dealings, in Lieu of Money, for which Obligations have been given, and are not yet discharged, and the said Bills, by the general Consent of the People, have, in great Measure, ceased to circulate as a Currency; and the Continental Bills of the new Emission have been also considered as a Medium of Trade, and for which like Obligations have been given; and Experience hath shown, that they are likewise liable to Depreciation, and great Contests and Disputes may arise between Debtors and Creditors, in determining what shall be a just Equivalent for such Debts:

Therefore, for the better securing of Property, and for causing impartial Justice to be done, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid.* That all Contracts made for Continental Bills, of the old or new Emissions, or Debts for which Depreciation is due by Law, from Persons who have received Monies for others in Paper Bills, may be discharged, by paying the just Value of such Debts in Silver or Gold lawful Money, or Bills of the new Emission issued by this State, pursuant to a Resolve of Congress of the 18th of March, 1780; which Value shall be ascertained by the aforesaid Scales of Depreciation, and such Scale of Depreciation as shall be agreed upon and established by the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. as herein after mentioned.

And be it further Enacted, That notwithstanding Execution shall issue from the Courts of Law, for levying and collecting the just Value of any Paper Money Debts as aforesaid, in Silver or Gold, yet the Person against whom the same is issued may discharge such Part of the Execution as shall be due from him for a Paper Money Debt as aforesaid

said, by paying the Value of the Sum of Gold or Silver specified in the Execution to be due from him as aforesaid, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, issued in this State, pursuant to said Resolve of Congress of the 18th Day of March, 1780, at the current Exchange on the Day he shall pay the same; which Value and current Exchange shall be determined from Time to Time by the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. who for this Purpose shall meet, if necessary, once a Month, and oftener in Case of an apparent Depreciation of said Bills of the new Emission; and who shall monthly notify the Rate of Exchange between the said Bills and *Spanish* milled Dollars, in the Newspapers of this State: And that the Sheriff who shall have such Execution, shall pay the same immediately to the Person in whose Favour it is issued, or on Default thereof shall pay to such Person the Depreciation of the Money, while in his Hands: But in case the Sheriff shall be obliged to collect the said Money, due on such Execution, by Sale of Goods, Chattels or real Estate, he shall receive Gold or Silver only in discharge thereof.

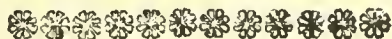
And be it further Enacted, That the reckoning of the Depreciation of said Bills, as ascertained by the three Scales aforesaid, shall be considered as having Reference to each Day specified, and as having taken Place regularly and progressively, in equal Degrees, from any Day specified in said Scales to the next specified Day.

And it is further Enacted, That Judgments of Court, already obtained for Paper Money Debts, and whereon Executions have been issued, and are not yet returned, and all Judgments for Paper Money, may be discharged, by paying to the Person in whose Favour such Judgment is passed, or to the Officer in Possession of such Execution, the just Value thereof, at the Time such Judgment was rendered, in Bills of the new Emission issued by this State as aforesaid, which Value shall be ascertained, in Case of Execution being issued, by the Officer who has the same, from the said Scales of Depreciation. *Provided nevertheless*, That until the Scale of Depreciation of the new Emission as aforesaid shall be published by said Court, any Officer now possessed of any Execution, may receive in Discharge thereof *One Dollar* in the new Emission of Continental Currency for *Twelve Pounds* of the old Emissions, and in like

like Proportion for a greater or less Sum; and that any Person, in whose Favour any Execution hath been issued, may, if he sees fit, order it to be returned for an alias, that the Value of such Judgment may be justly ascertained.

And whereas Creditors are often injured by being unreasonably delayed from their just Dues, from the Length of Time between the Courts: *Be it therefore Enacted*, That all Executions from the Inferior or Superior Courts, shall be returnable in Three Months from the Time of issuing such Executions.

And it is further Enacted, That this Act be in Force immediately from and after the Rising of this Assembly; and that the Secretary immediately publish the same in all the Newspapers of the State.



It having been represented unto this Assembly, That the Wife of Benjamin Wiley hath a large Family of Children, who are in a suffering Condition, for Want of the Necessaries of Life: And it appearing that the said Benjamin Wiley hath faithfully served in the Continental Troops of this State Three Years, and was honorably discharged: That he hath since reenlisted into, and is now on Duty in, the Continental Battalion of this State; and that there is due to him *Forty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, for the Depreciation of his Wages: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds*, Silver Money, be allowed the said Mrs. Wiley for the present Support of the Family; and be paid to her, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax ordered at the present Session for Silver Money: And that the same be deducted out of the abovesaid Sum due to the said Benjamin Wiley.

B. Wiley allowed £6.

Whereas the Committee appointed to adjust the Account of Ezekiel Cornell, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following State of his Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*.

Report upon
E. Cornell's
Account. He
allowed 510 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dollars.

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations*,
in Account with Ezekiel Cornell,

1781. To 225 Days Service, as a Member of
Congress,

Congress, up to the Time *James M. Varnum*, Esq; took his Seat, at 18s, Silver Money, *per* Day; including the Ride of my Horse from *Newport* to *Philadelphia*,

Dollars
675

Creditor.

1781. By a Balance remaining in my Hands,
Jan. 4. after deducting my Expences,
Balance due to me

164 $\frac{3}{4}$
510 $\frac{1}{4}$

675

WE, the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, to settle the Account of *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; with the State, do report, That we find due to him *Five Hundred and Ten Silver Dollars, and One Quarter*, agreeable to the above State of his Account.

N B. The whole of the Expences and Wages amount to Five and a Half Silver Dollars, *per* Day, reckoning the Exchange between Paper Money and Silver at 72 for 1.

Stephen Potter,
Ejek Hopkins, } Committee.
William Taggart,

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that *Five Hundred and Ten Silver Dollars, and One Quarter of a Dollar*, being the Balance of the said Account, be paid to the said *Ezekiel Cornell*, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

Deed of a
House to be
made *W. Allen*
in Case.

Whereas the Dwelling-House and Lot of Land in *Providence*, late belonging to *Gilbert Debois*, hath been assigned to Capt. *William Allen*, on Account of Depreciation due to him and to the other Officers of Col. *Angell's* Regiment: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That, upon a Certificate being produced to the General-Treasurer from Col. *Israel Angell* and Capt. *William Tew*, who are the Agents for the said Regiment, that the said *William Allen* hath paid and duly accounted with the Officers of the same, for the Amount
of

of the Money at which the said Estate was appraised, that then the General-Treasurer make and execute a Deed, conveying to the said *William Allen*, all the Right, Title, Interest and Property of the said *Gilbert Deblois*, in the said Lot of Land and Dwelling-House; warranting the same against all Claims of the said *Gilbert Deblois*, or of any other Person claiming under him.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of Major *William Bradford's* Account, *Bradford's Account, to wit:*

Major *William Bradford* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To the Three-Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £ 272 12 5 |
| To Cash paid you by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 45 0 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 45 17 5 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £ 363 9 10 |

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you from the State for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three-Quarters payable in Lands and One-Quarter in Money, £ 363 9 10

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Major *Simeon Thayer*, *to wit:*

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Major

Major *Simeon Thayer* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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|---|-------|----|---|
| 1781. To Three-Quarters of the Balance due to you, set off in Lands, amounting to | £ 274 | 3 | 0 |
| To Cash paid you by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 46 | 7 | 8 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £ 365 | 10 | 8 |

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you from the State for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three-Quarters payable in Lands and One-Quarter in Money £ 365 10 8

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Officers of the
Kingston-Reds.

The Return of the Choice of the Officers of the Company of *Kingston-Reds* being read in Council. the said Choice is approved. They are as follows, *to wit:*

John Waite, Captain,
Nathan Taylor, First Lieutenant,
Gardner Tefft, Second Lieutenant.
Joseph Perkins, Ensign.

An A C T for granting and apportioning a Tax of *Six Thousand Pounds*, in Continental Bills of the new Emission of this State, to be appropriated to the redeeming One-Sixth Part of the Quota of the new Continental Money, emitted by this State.

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BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, payable in Bills of the new Emission, emitted by this State, be granted upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State: And that the said Sum be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the last Day of December next.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Three Shillings, being Sixpence upon every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age, and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, and Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the Continent, who are enlisted into the Continental Battalions) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, assessed unto and upon the several Towns in the following Proportions, to wit:

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|--------------------------|-------|----|---|
| <i>Newport,</i> | £ 306 | 19 | 0 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 102 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 66 | 3 | 0 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 34 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 221 | 14 | 0 |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 179 | 2 | 6 |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 431 | 4 | 0 |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 401 | 3 | 0 |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 367 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 317 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 182 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 247 | 8 | 0 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 128 | 15 | 0 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 92 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 194 | 12 | 2 |
| <i>North-Kingstown;</i> | 298 | 5 | 0 |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 607 | 10 | 6 |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 163 | 2 | 4 |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 141 | 3 | 3 |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 206 | 8 | 0 |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 180 | 11 | 5 |

Bristol,

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| Bristol, | £ | 130 | 17 | 10 |
| Warren, | | 78 | 4 | 9 |
| Barrington, | | 61 | 12 | 8 |
| Warwick, | | 353 | 6 | 6 |
| East-Greenwich, | | 159 | 14 | 5 |
| West-Greenwich, | | 147 | 1 | 6 |
| Coventry, | | 200 | 13 | 2 |
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| | £ | 6000 | 0 | 0 |

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same be paid. And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer; who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant, within Four Days, to the several Collectors of Rates and Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay, unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town,
for

for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, immediately after the Expiration of the Time of Payment of the said Tax; which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken. And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and be allowed the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State; and the Judgment of said Special Court shall be final.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer, and Collector of Rates, of their respective Towns, to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time that they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax; And that the Assessors of Taxes be, and they are hereby, empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and not lay the Poll-Tax upon such as they think unable to pay the same.

And it is farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Three Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.



Whereas Mr. William Langley hath made an Application
P to

bell's Estate
sold to W.
Langley.

to this Assembly to purchase the Lot of Land, House, Wharff, Stores, &c. situate in *Newport*, which was lately the Property of *John Bell*, and hath been confiscated for the Use of this State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *William Langley's* paying into the General-Treasury *Two Thousand Dollars*, in Gold and Silver, on or before the Tenth Day of *June, A. D. 1781*, and also the Sum of *Four Hundred Dollars*, in Bills emitted by this State in *June, A. D. 1780*, without reckoning any Interest thereon, on or before the Third Day of *August* next, that then the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorised and directed to make and execute, unto the said *William Langley*, in Behalf of this State, a good Warranty Deed of the Lands and Premises aforesaid, conveying the same unto the said *William Langley*, his Heirs and Assigns forever, in Fee Simple: And that the said *William Langley* receive the Rents for the present Year; and have Possession of the said Estate on the 25th Day of *March* next.

A. Crary to
draw Supplies
for the Militia.

It is Voted and Resolved. That Col. *Archibald Crary* be, and he is hereby, empowered to give Orders upon the Purchasing-Commissary, or any other Person in Possession of public Stores belonging to the State, for such Part thereof as may be necessary for the Use of the Militia now called forth to do Duty upon *Rhode-Island*.

Order for S.
Mumford to be
paid.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of the first Money that he shall receive into the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Stephen Mumford*, or his Order, the Balance due to him in Gold or Silver, for Beef purchased by him for the State, with Interest thereon from the Time the same became due.

Committee to
inquire into
Deficiencies.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Taggart, Theodore Foster, Rowse J. Helme, Nathaniel Fafes* and *Thomas Holden*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to inquire into the Deficiencies of the respective Towns upon every Requisition of the General Assembly for Men: That they also make Inquiry what Towns have accounted for the Iron and Flour, and Monies received by them, for the Bounties of Soldiers: And that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Daniel Mowry*, jun. and *James M. Varnum*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, requested to proceed to *Philadelphia* and take their Seats in Congress, as soon as possible, to represent this State for the ensuing Six Months: And that the Honorable *William Ellery* and *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, requested to proceed to Congress at the Expiration of that Time to relieve the first abovenamed Gentlemen, and to represent this State for the remaining Six Months.

Order for the Course in which the Delegates are to sit in Congress.

Both Houses being joined in a Grand Committee chose the following Gentlemen Members of the Council of War, to wit:

Council of War chosen.

His Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; The Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Gideon Mumford*, *Thomas Holden* and *William Taggart*, Esqrs.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Ferriages of the Militia, now ordered upon Duty, or which shall be ordered out in future, in their going to their respective Places of Rendezvous or Posts, and upon their Return when discharged, shall be defrayed by the Public: And that the Commanding-Officer of any of the said Troops shall give the Keeper of the Ferry a Certificate of the Number transported; which Certificate this Assembly will cause to be paid.

Ferriages of the Militia to be paid by the Public.

Whereas *Edward Jacklyn* was enlisted as a Recruit by *Nathan Miller*, Esq; for the Class in *Warren* of which he is Head, who at the Time of enlisting him did not pay, and hath not since paid to the said *Edward Jacklyn* the Bounty allowed by the State: And whereas Mr. *David Brayton* afterwards enlisted the said *Edward Jacklyn* for the Class in *Coventry* of which he is Head, and paid him his Bounty; and upon his passing Muster received a Certificate thereof from the Muster-Master, and was paid the Money therefor by the General-Treasurer; and the said *Edward Jacklyn* hath since deserted: And whereas upon the Claim of the said *Nathan Miller*, the Committee for hearing Claims, &c. determined that the said *Edward Jacklyn* should be accounted for the said Class in *Warren*; and thereupon the Muster-Master gave the said *Nathan Miller* a Certificate, which entitled

Vote respecting a Recruit who enlisted for a Class in *Warren* and a Class in *Coventry*.

entitled him to receive *Thirty-six Pounds*, Silver Money; out of the General-Treasury without his having paid any Money out: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That if the said *Nathan Miller* hath not received the Money upon the said Certificate, out of the General-Treasury he lodge the same in the Secretary's Office; but that if he hath received the Money he repay it in Silver Money to the General-Treasurer: And that the said *Nathan Miller* and his Class be excused from raising a Recruit in the Stead of the said *Edward Jacklyn*.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Committee appoint Time and Place, and notify the said *Nathan Miller*, as Head of his Class, and the said *David Brayton*, as Head of his Class, to attend in order that the said Committee may hear and determine what Sum of Money the said *David Brayton* hath advanced, over and above the State's Bounty, which ought to be paid by the said *Nathan Miller* and his Class, for having the said *Edward Jacklyn* turned over to them: And that the said Class, of which the said *David Brayton* is Head, be proceeded against agreeable to the Act for assessing the Sum of *Three Hundred Silver Dollars* upon the Classes which are deficient in raising Men.

Committee to
draught Let-
ters.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Theodore Foster*, Esq; and the Secretary be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to draught Letters to the Congress, to his Excellency General *Washington*, to the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts* and the State of *Connecticut*: That they inform them of the Measures taken by this State for supplying the Army, &c. And request of the said Commonwealth and State Informations of what hath been done by their respective Legislatures for that Purpose: And that they report the said Letters to his Excellency the Governor; who upon approving them is hereby requested to sign and transmit them, as soon as may be.

The following Agreement was entered into between this General Assembly and *William Rhodes*, Esq; to wit:

Agreement
with *W. Rhodes*
for Beef.

T H A T he the said *William Rhodes* shall procure, and deliver to the Commissary-General, or his Order, or to the proper Officers for receiving the same, at such Place on the East Side of the *North River* as shall be directed by the
Persons

Persons appointed to receive the same, Sixty Thousand Pounds Weight of good merchantable Beef, upon the Foot, to be reckoned as so much Beef for which Congress hath made a Requisition upon this State: That One-Half Part thereof be delivered on or before the last Day of June, A. D. 1781, and the other Half on or before the last Day of July next; for which the said *William Rhodes* shall be allowed at the Rate of *Two Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence*, Silver Money, per Hundred Weight: That upon the said *William Rhodes* producing proper Receipts and Certificates of the Delivery of the Beef as aforesaid he shall be entitled, on the Fifteenth Day of August next, to receive Payment therefor, in Silver Money, out of the General-Treasury: And that if the Money at the Time of Payment be not in the General-Treasury the said *William Rhodes* shall be allowed Interest therefor until the same be paid.

Whereas many Persons in the Towns of *Newport, Portsmouth, Jamestown* and *Middletown*, possessed of large real Estates, have refused to pay the Taxes assessed upon them, who have not sufficient visible personal Estate to satisfy the same, and the Collectors in the said Towns are not empowered to collect the said Taxes from their real Estates, whereby great Injury accrues to the Public:

Collectors to
attach real
Estates upon
the Islands.

It is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That the Collectors of Taxes in the said Towns, in all Cases where sufficient personal Estate cannot be found, be, and they are hereby, fully empowered to attach and make Sale of so much of the real Estates of the Persons delinquent as aforesaid, and of all Persons who shall hereafter refuse or neglect to pay the Taxes assessed upon them, as will be sufficient to discharge and satisfy the same: That the said Collectors be, and they are hereby, authorized to make and execute to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Estate or Estates a Deed or Deeds, thereof, conveying all the Right, Title and Interest of the Person and Persons on whom such Taxes are or shall be assessed: And that the Purchaser or Purchasers shall hold the same accordingly.

Whereas there are divers Persons in the Town of *Providence* indebted to *George Howell*, and it is necessary to ascertain the Sums due that the same may be paid: *It is*

Debtors to G
Howell to A
count.

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therefore

therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Providence* be empowered to take Cognizance thereof, and settle and determine the same: That the Attorney-General produce to the said Court the necessary Papers for that Purpose: And that the Sheriff of the said County be, and he is hereby, directed to collect the Sums that shall be found due, agreeable to the former Order of this Assembly respecting the Debtors to the said *George Howell*.

Treasurer to
exchange Pa-
per Money for
a Clafs in
Cranston.

Whereas *Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; represented unto this Assembly, That a Person was detached from the Clafs in *Cranston*, of which he was Head: That *Eight Thousand Dollars*, in Continental Money of the Old Emissions, was assessed upon the said Clafs and paid into his Hands before the late great Depreciation thereof, where it hath remained ever since: And that in Consequence of an Act of this Assembly passed at the last Session the said Clafs hath procured another Recruit who hath passed Muster, and to whom they have paid *Three Hundred and Sixty Silver Dollars*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer receive the said Sum of *Eight Thousand Dollars* of the said *Christopher Lippitt*, and pay him in Lieu thereof *Two Hundred Dollars*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, to be returned to the said Clafs.

D. Branch al-
lowed £8 2s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds Two Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Daniel Branch*, for his Attendance upon several Committees, and upon this Assembly, at the present Session; &c. And that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

W. Compton al-
lowed £3 3s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Three Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *William Compton*, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

J. Cooke's Ac-
count.

Whereas *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly, the following State of Lieut. *John Cooke's Account*, to wit:

Lieutenant

Lieutenant *John Cooke* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1781. To Three-Quarters of the Balance due to you, set off in Lands, amounting to | £123 18 8 ¹ / ₄ |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance | 41 6 2 ³ / ₄ |
| | £165 4 11 |

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you for Depreciation, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One-Quarter in Money, £165 4 11

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed Auditor of Accounts: And that he attend upon the General Assembly at each Session for that Purpose. *T. Rumreill* appointed Auditor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; *D. Mowry*, be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw *Three Hundred Silver Dollars*, on his own Account, and *Four Hundred Silver Dollars*, for *James M Varnum*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury; for which they are to be accountable: And that he deliver the Sum allowed to the said *James M. Varnum*, to him at *Philadelphia*. *D. Mowry*, jun. allowed 300 and *J. M. Varnum* 400 Dollars.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Daniel Branch*, for his Attendance upon Lieut. Col. *Jeremiah Olney*, at the State-House in *Providence*, when mustering the Recruits, and doing other public Business; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session. *D. Branch* allowed £3 18s

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J. Peabody allowed £2 2s

It is Voted Resolved, That Two Pounds Two Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to John Peabody, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session.

W. and S. Wall allowed Silver in Lieu of Paper.

Messieurs *William* and *Samuel Wall* having been allowed by this Assembly at the last Session, *Twenty-seven Pounds*, in Continental Money of the new Emission, for which they received on Order on the General-Treasurer ; but the same hath not been paid : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said William and Samuel Wall be allowed Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings, Silver Money, in Lieu thereof : That the same be paid them, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax for Silver Money ordered at the present Session ; and that the said Order be cancelled.*

Adjournment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of Providence, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second Monday in September next, then to meet at the State-House in East-Greenwich.

GOD save the United States of *America.*

A true COPY, duly examined :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

July, 1781.

A T the G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Tuesday*, the Third Day of *July*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Fifth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

William Greene, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The H O N O R A B L E

J A B E Z B O W E N, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| JOHN I. CLARK, Esq; | } | Assistants. |
| DANIEL MANTON, Esq; | | |
| JONATHAN ARNOLD, Esq; | | |
| GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq; | | |
| SYLVESTER GARDNER, Esq; | | |
| ENOCH HAZARD, Esq; | | |
| CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq; | | |
| JOHN COOKE, Esq; | | |
| DANIEL OWEN, Esq; | | |

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

July, 1781.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Daniel Holloway, Esq;
 William Channing, Esq;
 William Taggart, Esq;
 Job Easton, Esq;
 Timothy Waterhouse, Esq.

Providence :

Welcome Arnold, Esq;
 Charles Keen, Esq;
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Theodore Foster, Esq.

Portsmouth :

Mr. William Anthony.

Warwick :

Thomas Holden, Esq;
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Christopher Greene, Esq.

Westerly :

David Maxson, Esq;
 Edward Bliven, Esq.

North-Kingstown :

Ezekiel Gardner, jun. Esq;
 Mr. John Mowry.

South-Kingstown :

Mr. Robert Potter,
 The Clerk.

East-Greenwich :

None.

Jamestown :

None.

Smithfield :

Andrew Waterman, Esq;
 Mr. Henry Jenckes.

Scituate :

William Rhodes, Esq;
 Rufus Hopkins, Esq.

Gloucester :

Mr. Simon Smith,
 Mr. Stephen Winfor.

Charlestown :

Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq.

West-Greenwich :

Thomas Gorton, Esq;
 Jonathan Comstock, Esq.

Coventry :

Mr. Israel Bowen,
 Stephen Potter, Esq.

Exeter :

John Chapman, Esq.

Middletown :

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

Bristol :

Mr. Speaker,
 Nathaniel Fales, Esq.

Tiverton :

Mr. Joseph Shearman,
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.

Little-Compton :

William Richmond, Esq.

Warren :

William T. Miller, Esq.

Cumberland :

Mr. Levi Ballou,
 Jotham Carpenter, Esq.

Richmond :

Robert Stanton, Esq;
 Mr. Christopher Clarke.

Cranston :

Peter Burlingame, Esq.

Hopkinton :

George Thurston, Esq.

Johnston :

John Smith, Esq;
 Andrew Harris, Esq.

North-Providence :

Esek Hopkins, Esq;
 John Jenckes, Esq.

Barrington :

Samuel Allin, Esq.

ROUSE J. HELME, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

I*T is Voted and Resolved, That Rhoda Browning, of Tiverton,* R. Browning, and others, permitted to go to N. York.
 with her Two Children, *Esther Milward, of Newport,*
 and *Mary Nichols, of Jamestown,* with her Daughter, be,
 and they are hereby, permitted to proceed to *New York* to
 their Connections, in the First Flag of Truce that shall go
 from this State to that Place; and to carry with them their
 wearing Apparel, and also such Household Furniture as
Christopher Ellery, Esq; the Commissary of Prisoners in this
 State, shall think proper.

Whereas this State is called upon to, and doth, keep at *Rhode Island* Five Hundred Men of the Militia for the Defence thereof, who are supplied with Provisions by this State: And whereas the Monthly Supply of fresh Provisions required of this State for the Use of the Army is Sixty Thousand Pounds weight: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That Fifty-two Thousand Pounds weight of fresh Beef be sent forward to the Grand Army, monthly, during the Time the Militia of this State shall be held in actual Service; and that the remaining Eight Thousand Pounds weight be appropriated for the Use of the Militia while in Service. Fresh Beef to be delivered to the Garrison at Newport.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. William Taggart, John Jenckes, Rouse J. Helms, William T. Miller, and Moses Lippitt, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for proportioning upon the Towns in this State a Tax, or Assessment, of Sixty Thousand Pounds weight of Beef, exclusive of the Hides and Tallow, for the Months of *August* and *September* next, agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee from the *New England* States: And that they proportion the same agreeable to the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds,* Silver Money, ordered to be assessed by this Assembly at the last Session. Committee to apportion 60 cowlb. of fresh Beef.

An A C T altering the Time of returning Executions issued from the Superior and Inferior Courts.

B*E it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Clause in the Act passed at the last Session, entitled "An Act in Addition to an* Act altering the Time of returning Executions.
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" Act passed in December, A. D. 1780, entitled, " An Act
 " ascertaining the Depreciation of the Bills of public
 " Credit, and fixing the Value of private Contracts, in
 " Spanish milled Dollars, since the same have been in Circu-
 " lation, &c." enacting, That all Executions issued from the
 Superior and Inferior Courts in this State should be return-
 able in Three Months, from the Time of their being issued.
 be, and the same is hereby, repealed: That all Executions
 issued from the said Courts be returnable in the same Man-
 ner as they were heretofore; any Thing in the said Act to
 the contrary notwithstanding; and that this Act be pub-
 lished in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

Committee to
 answer Gen.
Choisy's Letter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Gideon Mumford*, Esq;
William Channing, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Brown*, be, and
 they are hereby, appointed a Committee to draught a Let-
 ter to *General Choisy*, in Answer to the Letter addressed by
 him to his Excellency the Governor.

Military Stores
 to be transport-
 ed by Water.

Whereas Major *William Perkins*, who hath the Care of
 the Military Stores belonging to the United States in this
 State, hath represented to this Assembly, that General
Knox hath directed him to cause a large Quantity of Mili-
 tary Stores to be transported by Land from this State; and
 that the Quarter-Master is unable to furnish a competent
 Number of Teams for that Purpose: *It is therefore Voted*
and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G.
 in this State, be, and he is hereby, directed, to cause such
 Part of the said Stores as cannot be forwarded by Land to
 be transported by Water to *Hartford*, in the State of *Con-*
necticut, and there to be delivered to the proper Officer;
Provided nevertheless, That none of the Powder be trans-
 ported by Water.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That it be recom-
 mended to Colonel *Archibald Crary* to furnish a Guard, for
 the said Stores to be transported by Water, from the Militia
 under his Command, if a sufficient Number will voluntarily
 enlist for that Purpose, who shall be allowed the same
 Bounty as was allowed to the Guards who went with
 the Cannon.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; be, and
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he is hereby, directed to deliver to *Solomon Southwick, Esq;* Commissary-General of Issues in this State, Ten Barrels of the Beef belonging to this State, for the Use of the Troops now on Duty. Beef to be delivered to the Commissary.

Whereas *Samuel Ward, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service and Expences in procuring the Inlistments from the several Towns of the Men who did Duty in Col. *Greene's* Regiment Six Months, and in completing the Muster-Rolls and Pay-Abstracts, and making out the Certificates, agreeable to his Appointment; and the Committee appointed to examine the same made the following Report thereon, to wit:

S. Ward allowed £10 10.

We, the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account exhibited by *Samuel Ward, Esq;* do report, That there is due thereon the Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, Silver Money.

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*Stephen Potter,
Job Easton,
Timothy Waterhouse.*

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, Silver Money, be paid the said *Samuel Ward*, out of the General-Treasury, out of the Money to be collected by the Tax, ordered by this Assembly, at the last Session, for Silver Money.

Whereas Mr. *William Stevens*, of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That some Time in the Summer last past he lost a Mare, which he hath since found in the Continental Stables, marked with the Continental Brand; and that he is fully able to prove his Property in the said Mare; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the said Mare to be returned to him: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That *John Cooke, Sylvester Gardner*, and *Gideon Mumford, Esqrs.* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Matters set forth in the said Petition; and that they report to this Assembly as soon as may be. *W. Stevens' Petition.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Metcalf Bowler, Esq;* who

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was

*M. Bowler to
complete the
Continental
Accounts.*

was appointed to complete the Accounts of this State against the Continent, be continued for that Purpose: And that he call upon all Persons for the Accounts, &c. necessary for completing the said Accounts; who are hereby required to furnish the same as soon as possible, that the said Accounts may be finished and transmitted to Congress.

*F. Brenton per-
mitted to go to
N. York.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mrs. Frances Brenton, Wife of William Brenton, be, and she is hereby, permitted to proceed to New York, to her Husband, in a Cartel Vessel, with such necessary Houshold Furniture as Christopher Elbery, Esq; the Commissary of Prisoners in this State, shall think proper.

*E. Hopkins al-
lowed £5 8s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Eight Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed and paid to Essek Hopkins, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, out of the Money to be collected by the Tax ordered at the last Session; for Six Cords of Wood for the Use of the Troops.



*Real Estates of
delinquent
Collectors to
be taken.*

WHEREAS from the Neglect of the Collectors, in divers Towns within this State, the Taxes and Assessments respectively made, and ordered to be collected from said Towns, have not been duly and regularly paid into the General-Treasury, whereby it became necessary that the General-Treasurer should issue his Warrants of Distress against the Town-Treasurers of those Towns where the Collectors had been negligent, several of whom have been committed to Gaol, and others have been obliged to raise the Monies due from the respective Towns, without said Collectors having duly collected and paid in the Amount of the Tax or Assessment to them delivered to be collected; and thereupon the Town-Treasurers have called Special Courts upon the Collectors and their Sureties: And as it is highly equitable and reasonable, that the Estates of the Principals should be first appropriated towards paying off and discharging the Judgments which have been or shall be obtained against said negligent Collectors and their Sureties:

Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That in all Executions issuing from any Judgment obtained by the Town-Treasurers against the said Collectors and their Sureties, the Words
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real Estate shall be entered in the mandatory Part of said Executions: That the Sheriff or his Deputy, to whom the said Executions shall issue, shall, immediately upon the Receipt of such Executions, seize and take into Possession all the Estate, as well real as personal, which he can find in his Precinct, belonging or appertaining unto the Principal: And that said Sheriff or his Deputy shall, immediately upon his seizing and attaching the Estate of the Principal, advertise the same to be sold at public Vendue, as well real as personal, within Twenty Days from the Time of his making the Seizure or Attachment as aforesaid.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case of Accidents, or extraordinary Storms or Tempests, by Reason whereof few or no Purchasers may appear, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff or his Deputy to adjourn the Sale of the Estates so taken, from one Day to the next, and so for three Adjournments, and no longer.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any negligent Collector or Collectors of Taxes as aforesaid shall have Estates within two Counties, the Execution or Executions shall be directed to the Sheriffs and their Deputies of the respective Counties in which the Estates of such negligent Collectors are: And their Estates may be immediately taken and proceeded against as is in Manner before directed.

And it is further Enacted, That if the Estate, real and personal, of the negligent Collector, which shall be sold in Manner as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to discharge the Amount of the Execution, Debt and Costs, an alias Execution shall be immediately issued against the Sureties, for collecting the Remainder, which Execution shall be returnable within Ten Days from the Date thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for all real Estates, sold by Virtue of this Act, the Sheriff shall give a Deed to the Purchaser or Purchasers, in the same Manner as Deeds are by Law ordered to be executed by the Sheriffs.

And the Secretary is ordered to procure this Act to be immediately printed, and to send Copies thereof to the several Town-Clerks within this State.

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Officers appointed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, appointed to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, to wit:

Joseph Nightingale, Captain; John Mathewson, Lieutenant; and William Russell, Ensign, of the Senior Class Company, in the Town of Providence.

Simon Whipple, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Coman Smith, Captain of the Third Company of Militia in the Town of Scituate.

Peter Pearce, Captain, and Thomas Wilbur, Lieutenant, of the Fifth Company of Militia in the same Town.

Isaac Blanchard, Ensign of the Second Company of Militia in the same Town.

John Wilkinson, Surgeon, and John Anthony, Surgeon's Mate, of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Daniel Sayles, Ensign of the First Company of Militia in the Town of Smithfield, in the Room of Simon Whipple, promoted.

Humphry Shearman, Captain; Edward Bailey, Lieutenant, and Jeremiah Drvelly, Ensign, of the Third Company of Militia in the Town of Tiverton.

Arnold Bluen, Lieutenant of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of Westerly, in the Room of Joseph Peckham, who declines.

Afa Maxson, Lieutenant of the Third Company of Militia in the same Town, in the Room of Peleg Saunders, who declines, and Samuel Clarke, Ensign of the same Company.

Joseph Bailey, Lieutenant, and Job Gray, Ensign, of the First Company of Militia in the Town of Tiverton.

Grant for the Hospital.

Whereas *Jonathan Arnold, Esq; Director of the Military Hospitals in this State, is called upon for Necessaries for the Accomodation and Comfort of the Sick Militia now ordered upon*

upon Duty : To enable him to furnish the same, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Jonathan Arnold* be, and he is hereby, directed to procure such Supplies as he shall judge necessary, and empowered to draw upon the General-Treasurer in Favor of the Persons who shall furnish the same, to the Amount of *Thirty Pounds*, Silver Money, in the Whole ; which Orders shall be received by the General-Treasurer in Payment of the Silver Money Tax assessed at the last Session ; and that the said *Jonathan Arnold* be accountable for the Amount of the Orders so to be drawn.

An A C T for proportioning upon the several Towns within this State Supplies of Beef, for the Support of the Army, for the Months of *August* and *September* next.

WHEREAS it will be impracticable to keep an Army in the Field, during the present Campaign, unless a regular and due Supply of fresh Beef is furnished them, agreeable to the Requisition of the Hon. Continental Congress: And whereas his Excellency General *Washington* hath, in the most pressing Manner, requested that the Supplies required of this State be regularly and monthly sent on to the Army : And whereas the Supplies of fresh Beef for the Months of *August* and *September*, can be procured in the easiest and best Manner by proportioning the same unto the respective Towns within this State: Apportionment of Beef.

Be it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Towns herein after named shall, on the Fifteenth Day of *August* next, and the Fifteenth Day of *September* next, procure and deliver at the Dwelling-House of Mr. *Israel Bowen*, in *Coventry*, the Quantity of good, merchantable Beef respectively affixed unto them ; or in Lieu thereof, the Sums of Money herein ordered, to be paid in Gold and Silver, on the respective Days aforesaid, at said *Israel Bowen's*, unto Mr. *William Rhodes*, who is hereby appointed to receive the Beef, when the same shall be appraised, or in Lieu of Beef, the Monies raised by the respective Towns, and give his Receipt therefor, to wit :

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Pounds

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| | Pounds of Beef. | | Silver Money. |
|-------------------|-----------------|----|---------------|
| Newport, | 3070 | or | £61 8 0 |
| Portsmouth, | 1023 | | 20 9 2 |
| Middletown, | 662 | | 13 4 10 |
| Jamestown, | 341 | | 6 16 5 |
| Tiverton, | 2217 | | 44 6 9 |
| Little-Compton, | 1792 | | 35 16 10 |
| Providence, | 4314 | | 86 5 8 |
| Smithfield, | 4013 | | 80 5 2 |
| Scituate, | 3672 | | 73 8 10 |
| Gloucester, | 3170 | | 63 8 0 |
| Cumberland, | 1823 | | 36 9 3 |
| Cranston, | 2475 | | 49 10 0 |
| Johnston, | 1288 | | 25 15 3 |
| North-Providence, | 920 | | 18 8 0 |
| Westerly, | 1946 | | 38 18 5 |
| North-Kingstown, | 2982 | | 59 12 10 |
| South-Kingstown, | 6065 | | 121 6 0 |
| Charlestown, | 1631 | | 32 12 5 |
| Richmond, | 1412 | | 28 4 9 |
| Exeter, | 2064 | | 41 5 7 |
| Hopkinton, | 1804 | | 36 1 7 |
| Bristol, | 1309 | | 26 3 7 |
| Warren, | 783 | | 15 13 2 |
| Barrington, | 616 | | 12 6 5 |
| Warwick, | 3533 | | 70 13 2 |
| East-Greenwich, | 1597 | | 31 18 9 |
| West-Greenwich, | 1471 | | 29 8 5 |
| Coventry, | 2007 | | 40 2 9 |

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Mr. John Demount be, and he is hereby, appointed to appraise the Weight of the said Beef, and adjudge the Quality thereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said William Rhodes shall forthwith upon receiving the Beef aforesaid drive on to the Grand Army Fifty-two Thousand Pounds weight thereof, for the Use of the said Army, and deliver the same to the Commissary-General, or his Order; that Eight Thousand Pounds weight thereof be detained for the Use of the Militia who are in actual Service within this State, if the Militia shall at the Time aforesaid

foresaid be held in actual Service; and that if the Militia be dismissed the whole Quantity of Beef be sent forward.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any or all of the Towns aforesaid, shall pay, on the Days and Times aforesaid, Money in Lieu of Beef, the said William Rhodes shall receive the Monies aforesaid, and purchase, therewith, upon the best Terms he can, Beef to the Amount of the Whole, for the Use of the Grand Army, Fifty-two Thousand Pounds weight per Month, if the Militia of this State are in actual Service, if not, to the whole Amount of said Sixty Thousand Pounds weight of Beef, to be appropriated in Manner as afore directed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said William Rhodes shall keep an exact Account of the Cost of the Beef, and account for the Expenditure of the Money he shall so receive.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any or either of the Towns aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to procure and deliver the aforesaid Beef or Money, in Gold or Silver, at the Times and Place aforesaid, unto the said William Rhodes, Esq; he shall certify unto the Sheriff of the County within whose Precinct such delinquent Town lies, that such Town hath not procured and delivered the Beef or Money herein assessed against them: And the Sheriff of such County within whose District such delinquent Town lies is hereby directed and empowered, forthwith, upon Receipt of such Certificate, to repair, with sufficient Aid, into such delinquent Town, and there to seize and distrain double the Quantity of Beeves, or neat Cattle as will make the Weight required and assessed against such Town, and have the Quantity assessed against said Town delivered at Coventry, on the Twentieth Day of August, and Twentieth Day of September next, to be appraised by said John Demount; and the remaining Part the said Sheriff shall sell at Public Vendue; and the Monies arising from the Sale thereof, after deducting the Expence which shall accrue unto the Sheriff, shall be paid into the General-Treasury.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Sheriff shall, when he makes the Seizure and Distrain

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traint as aforesaid, keep an Account of the Numbers and Marks, natural and artificial, of the Beeves, or neat Cattle, so taken; and shall, within One Week after such Seizure and Distraint as aforesaid, lodge in the Town-Clerk's Office of such Town where the Distraint shall be made, a Copy thereof, that the Owner or Owners of such Beeves, or neat Cattle, may have satisfactory Payment therefor, from such delinquent Town at large.

And whereas it will be just and reasonable, in Case any Town shall be so lost to a Sense of Duty and Regard for the public Welfare as not to make sufficient Provision for furnishing the said Beef, or Money in Lieu thereof, as aforesaid, and by such Neglect shall Cause any of their Inhabitants to have their Cattle distrained from them as aforesaid, that such Inhabitants should have full Compensation for all Damages occasioned thereby, from the other delinquent Inhabitants of such Town:

Be it therefore further Enacted, That any Person having any of his Cattle distrained from him, in Pursuance of this Act, by the Sheriff as aforesaid shall be entitled to have and recover against the Town to which he shall belong the full Value of all the Cattle taken from him as aforesaid, together with all lawful Costs and such other Damages as shall be deemed just and reasonable, by the Court before which the same shall be recovered: That the same be sued for and recovered by an Action to be commenced against the Town-Treasurer of such Town at a Special Court to be called in the same Manner as Special Courts are now by Law directed to be called; and that on Judgment being recovered Execution issue against such Town-Treasurer, and be returnable within Fifteen Days from the Time of issuing the same.

And it is further Enacted, That the said William Rhodes give Bond to the General-Treasurer, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds*, lawful Silver Money, with Two Sureties, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in him: And that in Case any Town shall for the First Month supply more than the Quantity required of it such Town shall have Credit for the Surplusage in the Supply for the Second Month.

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And it is Ordered, That this Act be printed, and that a Copy thereof be transmitted as soon as may be by the Secretary to each of the Town-Clerks in this State, who on Receipt thereof are hereby required and directed immediately to issue Warrants calling Town Meetings in their respective Towns, in order that the Freemen of the respective Towns may take such Measures as shall be necessary for carrying the aforesaid Act into Execution.

Whereas the Honorable *Jabez Bowen, Esq;* the Member for this State of the Convention of Commissioners from the *New-England States*, who met at *Providence*, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *June* last, reported to this Assembly, as the unanimous Opinion of the said Commissioners, that Five Hundred and Seventy Thousand Pounds weight of fresh Beef, exclusive of Hides and Tallow, for the Supply of the Army in the Month of *July*, be immediately sent forward to Camp; that it be furnished by the said States in the following Proportions, *to wit*:

Report of the
Committee of
the *New-Eng-
land States.*

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| <i>Massachusetts</i> | 240,000 lb. |
| <i>Connecticut</i> | 210,000 |
| <i>New-Hampshire</i> | 90,000 |
| <i>Rhode-Island and</i> | } 30,000 |
| <i>Providence-Plantations</i> | |
| <hr/> 570,000 | |

That for the Supply of the Army in the Months of *August, September, October, November, and December*, the Quantities of fresh Beef assigned below to each of the said States be sent to Camp, or to such other Place or Places as the Commander in Chief, or the Commissary-General, shall direct, and be delivered on the particular Days in each of the said Months undermentioned, *to wit*:

| | | |
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| <i>Massachusetts</i> | 120,000 | on the 1st Day |
| <i>Connecticut</i> | 105,000 | 6 |
| <i>New-Hampshire</i> | 45,000 | 11 |
| <i>Connecticut</i> | 105,000 | 13 |
| <i>Massachusetts</i> | 120,000 | 19 |
| <i>New-Hampshire</i> | 45,000 | 25 |
| <i>Rhode-Island and</i> | 60,000 | 27 |
| <i>Providence-Plantations</i> | | |

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600,000

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And that the said States send forward as soon as may be the salted Provisions requested, and the necessary Supplies of Rum, Salt, and Summer-Cloathing :

Which Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the Assembly will provide the Ways and Means of procuring this State's Proportion of the Supplies agreeable to the said Report.

A Mare to be
restored to *W.*
Stevens.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *William Stevens* made the following Report, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, agreeable to our Appointment, have taken the said Petition into Consideration, heard the Parties with their Evidences, and report, that the Mare claimed by the said *William Stevens* is his Property.

John Cooke,
Sylvester Gardner,
Gideon Mumford.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. deliver the said Mare to the said *William Stevens* : And that the Commissary of Purchases call upon the Person of whom he purchased the said Mare to refund the Money given for her.

Further Time
allowed to pay
Money for
Beef.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns in this State, which are deficient in the Payment of the Money already assessed for Beef, be allowed Twenty Days longer Time to pay the same : That, upon the Payment thereof, with the Interest and Costs, within the said Time, they be exonerated from the Penalty of paying double the Sum assessed upon them : That those Towns, which have already paid in the Sums so assessed upon them, with the Interest and Costs, be excused from the said Penalty : And that the Town of *Middletown*, which hath paid the said Penalty, have Credit therefor in the Tax assessed at the last Session in Silver Money.

Depreciation-
Money to be
paid for the
Use of the Fa-
milies.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Treasurers of the respective Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, empowered

empowered to receive of Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes* the Depreciation-Money in his Hands due to the Soldiers who have Families in their respective Towns, which have been supplied by the several Towns, or are likely to stand in Need of being so supplied.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriffs of the Counties of *King's-County* and *Kent* be, and they are hereby, directed to advertise, and sell at publick Vendue, the Stock and personal Estates of those Persons who have lately broke Gaol and fled; and that they sell the same for Silver Money; and pay the Amount of the Sales into the General-Treasury.

Estates of Persons who have broke Gaol to be sold.

Whereas divers of the Town-Treasurers within this State have been committed to Gaol, by Reason of the Negligence of the Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns in not duly collecting the Taxes: And whereas the said Town-Treasurers have called Special Courts, and obtained Judgments and Executions against the said Collectors, and their Sureties, and suggest that they shall be enabled to discharge and pay the Demands the General-Treasurer hath against them, within Thirty Days: And whereas their being confined in Gaol is very prejudicial to them:

Further Time allowed for the Payment of Taxes, and to *Gloucester* to raise their Quota of Soldiers.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the several Town-Treasurers within this State, who are now confined in Gaol, be permitted by the Sheriffs of the respective Counties to return home. And, in case the said Demands of the General-Treasurer against them be not settled and discharged at the Expiration of the said Thirty Days, the respective Sheriffs who shall liberate the said Town-Treasurers are hereby directed and required to take into Custody the said Town-Treasurers, and commit them to close Gaol, there to remain until they shall pay the same.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That a further Time of Twenty Days be allowed unto the respective Town-Treasurers to pay the Monies for which the General-Treasurer hath issued Warrants of Distress against them; and that, if the same be not paid at the Expiration of the said Time, the respective Sheriffs commit such Town-Treasurers as shall be delinquent to Gaol.

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And it is further Voted and Resolved, That a further Time of Twenty Days be allowed to the Town of Gloucester, to procure the Quota of Men assigned the said Town for filling up this State's Continental Battalion: That in the mean Time the Town-Treasurer of the said Town be liberated from Gaol; and that, in case the Deficiency of the said Town be not made up at the Expiration of the said Time, the Sheriff of the County of Providence commit the said Town-Treasurer to the Gaol in the said County.

Post at Rhode-
Island to be
commanded by
a Lieutenant-
Colonel, and
Thanks given
to Col. Crary.

Whereas this Assembly, at the last Session, did appoint *Archibald Crary, Esq;* Colonel-Commandant of the Post at *Rhode-Island*: And whereas Brigadier-General *Choisy* hath the Command of the *French* Troops on that Island, which renders an Officer of so high a Rank as a Colonel-Commandant to the Command of the Militia, doing Duty there unnecessary:

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Militia called forth to do Duty be commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant. And this Assembly, being sensible of the good Conduct of the said Archibald Crary, during the Time he commanded at the said Post, Do Votc and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That the Thanks of this Assembly be, and are hereby, given to the said Archibald Crary, for his Services: And that the Secretary immediately transmit a Copy of this Resolve to the said Archibald Crary.

Deputy-Governor allowed
£2 5s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed and paid, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed for Silver Money, at the last Session, to the Honorable Jabez Bowen, Esq; for his Service as a Member of the Convention of Commissioners of the New-England States.

H Barber allowed
£10 16s.

Mr. Henry Barber exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing several Acts of the General Assembly, &c. and *Thomas Holden, Job Easton, and William Rhodes, Esquires*, the Committee appointed to examine the same, reported, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Silver Money*, is due thereon: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Sum of Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed the said Henry Barber, and paid him,*
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by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed, for Silver Money, at the last Session ; and that the same shall be full Satisfaction for the said Account.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Five Shillings and Eight Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Jehu Smith, for Work done upon the State-House in Providence, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. J. Smith allowed 5s 8d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds One Shilling, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Daniel Sullivan, in full for an Account, by him exhibited against the State, for packing Beef ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. D. Sullivan allowed £3 1s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Eight Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Joseph Martin, Esq; and paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session, for a Quantity of Hoops supplied by him for repacking Beef. J. Martin allowed £3 8s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. John Russell, in full for an Account by him exhibited against the State, for packing Beef ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. J. Russell allowed £6 18s 9d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings Silver Money, be allowed to Mrs. ——— Rogers, in full for an Account, by her exhibited against the State, for Boarding and Nursing a sick Soldier in Col Greene's Regiment ; and that the same be paid her, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. ——— Rogers allowed £3 15s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. John Hoppen, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, in full for an Account, by him exhibited against the State, for the Support of several Soldiers who were De-ferrers, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General- J. Hoppen allowed £7 4s 9d.

al-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

I. Smith allowed £18 13s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Ichabod Smith, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Kent, for the Support of divers Prisoners, committed to the said Gaol by Order of the Justices of the Superior Court ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

J. Hoppen allowed £22 11s 2d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Two Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. John Hoppen, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, for the Support of divers Prisoners, committed to the said Gaol by Order of the Justices of the Superior Court, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, ordered at the last Session.

N. Angell allowed £1 18s 2d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Nathan Angell, for a Quantity of Chalk supplied the Coopers for repacking Beel ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

D. Maxson allowed £7.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. David Maxson, in full for an Account, exhibited by him against the State, for the Board of a sick Soldier, belonging to Col. Greene's Regiment ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

Committee to quarter Troops in Providence.

Whereas it frequently happens that Troops are quartered upon the Inhabitants of the Town of Providence in undue Proportions, which is incident to all populous Towns :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That, upon any Complaint being made thereof, the Members of the General Assembly for the Time being, living in the said Town, or any Three of them, be, and they are hereby, empowered and directed to inquire into the Circumstances of the same ; and, if it shall appear reasonable, to remove the Persons quartered, and to provide Quarters for them in such other Families

Families as can receive them with less Inconvenience : And that they direct the Quarter-Master to remove them accordingly ; who is hereby required to carry such Orders into Execution.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Nine Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Stutely Westcot and William Bently, for their Services in carrying Provisions to Newport, in the Alarm, in August, A. D. 1780 ; and that the same be paid them, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

S. West and W. Bently allowed £1 9s.

Whereas *William Borden, Esq;* Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Newport*, presented unto this Assembly the following List of the Taxes assessed upon the real Estates, in *Newport*, of divers Absentees who have joined the Enemy, which he hath paid into the General-Treasury, *to wit :*

Allowance for the Taxes upon the Estates of Absentees in Newport.

Upon the Estate of *Walter*

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|-----------------------|-------|----|---|------------------------|
| <i>Chaloner,</i> | £ 233 | 15 | 0 | old Continental Money, |
| Interest upon ditto, | 12 | 0 | 0 | |
| Upon the same Estate, | 5 | 4 | 0 | Silver Money, |
| Interest upon ditto, | | 3 | 2 | |

Upon the Estate of *Lynn*

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|---|------------------------|
| <i>Martin,</i> | 46 | 18 | 0 | old Continental Money, |
| Ditto, | 0 | 15 | 0 | Silver Money, |

Upon the Estate of *Isaac*

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|---|------------------------|
| <i>Lawton,</i> | 37 | 10 | 0 | old Continental Money, |
| Ditto, | 0 | 12 | 0 | Silver Money, |

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Taxes be discounted, by the General-Treasurer, with the said *William Borden*, upon his producing the Rate Bills ; and that Interest be also allowed, provided he hath paid any Interest thereon into the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Pounds Twelve Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. David Lawrence, for Bread delivered for the Use of the Troops, by Order of his Honor the Deputy Governor ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, ordered at the last Session.

D. Lawrence allowed £12 12s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Ten Shillings, Silver

N. Dana allowed £3 10s.

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Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Nathaniel Dana*, for Iron Work for the Gaol in the County of *Providence*; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

T. Brown allowed £1 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Thomas Brown*, for Work done in repacking Beef; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

T. Reily allowed £2 5s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Terence Reily*, for the Use of his Scales in weighing the salted Provisions belonging to this State; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

E. Carpenter allowed £2 5s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. *Ephraim Carpenter*, for Work done in repacking Beef; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

N. Miller requested to hold his Office.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Brigadier-General *Nathan Miller* be, and he is hereby, requested and required to cause all the Men who are draughted or detached from his Brigade to do Duty for the Month of *July* Instant, to join the Regiment upon *Rhode-Island* immediately: That he be requested to continue in his said Office during this present Year, if no longer, as his resigning the same, at so critical a Situation of public Affairs, will be attended with bad Consequences to the State in general; and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Vote to him, by the Deputies of the Town of *Warren*.

County of *Newport* to supply the Beef for the Troops on *Rhode Island*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That of the Eight Thousand Pounds weight of Beef reserved for the Use of the Militia upon Duty in this State, out of this State's Proportion of the Supplies for the Army for the present Month, and the Months of *August* and *September*, the County of *Newport* shall furnish Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds weight and One Third, in the Proportions, and at the Times following, *to wit*:

Newport

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| <i>Newport</i> | 1310 lb. | on the 29th Day of each of the said Months. |
| <i>Portsmouth</i> | 682 | 25th. |
| <i>Jamestown</i> | 227 | 30th. |
| <i>Middletown</i> | 441 | 27th. |
| <i>Tiverton</i> | 1478 | 15th. |
| <i>Little-Compton</i> | 1197 | 20th. |

That *John Topham*, Esq; receive the same, and deliver the Beef to the Commissary of Issues; and that he retain the Hides and Tallow in his Hands, for the Use of the State.

Provided nevertheless, That if the Militia shall not consume the Whole of the said Beef, or shall be dismissed, then the Remainder be sent to *Coventry* to be forwarded to the Army.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Fourteen Pounds Two Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Mr. Joseph Field*, in full for an Account, by him exhibited against the State, for repacking Beef; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, ordered at the last Session. *J. Field allowed £14 2s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Mr. Latham Clarke*, for Attendance, as a Waiter, upon the Inferior Court, which was held in *Newport*, in *May* last; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. *L. Clarke allowed £1 16s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; for his Service in forwarding Provisions to *Bristol*, in the Alarm in *August* last; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. *G. Mumford allowed £2 14s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Ten Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Mr. Rufus Sprague*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, for warning divers Members of the General Assembly to attend at the present Session; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session. *R. Sprague allowed £1 10s.*

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N. Mason allowed £1 15s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Fifteen Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Noah Mason, for carting Salt to repack Beef, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

Confiscated Estates to be sold for Beef, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to sell the confiscated Estates be, and they are hereby, directed to sell the confiscated Estates in Newport, at public Vendue, for Silver Money, Beef or Flour; and that they advertise the Sale of the same accordingly.

P. Pearce allowed £14 8s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Preserved Pearce, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of Kent, for Attendance upon this Assembly, and the Superior Court, at divers Sessions; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

J. Brown allowed 12s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Joseph Brown, for attending, as a Waiter, upon the Inferior Court, which sat in Newport in May last; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, assessed at the last Session, for Silver Money.

J. Brown allowed £2 14s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Joseph Brown, for attending, as a Waiter, upon the Superior Court, which sat at Newport in May last; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

L. Clarke allowed £1 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Latham Clarke, for attending, as a Waiter, upon the Superior Court, which sat at Newport in May last; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

Executions of *W. Hopkins* and *B. Pearce*, against the General-Treasurer stayed.

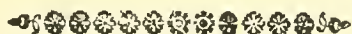
Whereas Mr. *William Hopkins* and *Benoni Pearce, Esq;* brought forward and prosecuted Two Actions against the General-Treasurer of this State, at the Inferior Court which sat at *Providence* in *June* last; one upon a Certificate issued by

by the Commissary General of Purchases, and the other for the Redemption of certain Bills of publick Credit of this State, emitted in *June, A. D. 1780*: And whereas it is highly inconsistent with the Dignity of a Free and Independent State that the General-Treasurer of such State should be sued for a supposed Breach of public Faith, as nothing but the Necessity of the Times would cause the Public to deviate from the most punctual Performance of all their Stipulations :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Judgments obtained upon the said Two Actions be suspended ; and that the Executions granted thereon be stayed until the further Order of this Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Treasurers of those Towns which have paid the Wages of the Men enlisted for Six Months, in Col. *Greene's* Regiment, be empowered to indorse the Certificates for the Wages of the Men so paid ; and that the General-Treasurer receive such Certificates, so indorsed, in the same Manner as if they were indorsed by the Soldiers in whose Favour they are given.

Town-Treasurers to receive the Wages of the Six-Months Men.



WHEREAS Five Hundred Men are ordered into Service, by this General Assembly, to do Duty in this State ; and it is necessary that Measures should be taken for supplying them with Bread for their Subsistence : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons hereinafter named, in the several Towns within this State, be, and they are hereby, ordered to deliver, at the Places hereinafter named, the Number of Bushels of Corn, or Rye, set against their several Towns, on or before the Sixteenth Day of *July* Instant, to wit :

| | Bushels. | | Bushels. |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| <i>Newport,</i> | 20 | <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 12 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 7 | <i>Providence,</i> | 29 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 4 | <i>Smithfield,</i> | 27 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 2 | <i>Scituate,</i> | 25 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 15 | <i>Gloucester,</i> | 21 |
| | | <i>Cumberland,</i> | |

Act for supplying Corn, or Rye, for the Troops on Duty.

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| | Busshels. | | Busshels. |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 12 | <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 12 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 17 | <i>Bristol,</i> | 9 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 9 | <i>Warren,</i> | 5 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 6 | <i>Barrington,</i> | 4 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 13 | <i>Warwick,</i> | 23 |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 20 | <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 11 |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 40 | <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 10 |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 11 | <i>Coventry,</i> | 14 |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 9 | | <hr/> |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 13 | | 400 |

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Towns in the County of King's County be, and they are hereby, directed to deliver the Corn or Rye, by them to be purchased as aforesaid to Mr. Thomas Bissell, in North-Kingstown, or to the Commissary-General of Issues, in this State: That the Towns in the County of Providence deliver the Corn or Rye purchased therein to the Issuing-Commissary, at Providence: That the Towns in the County of Bristol, and on the Islands, and the Towns of Tiverton and Little-Compton, deliver the Corn or Rye purchased therein to the said Commissary-General, at Newport; and that the Towns in the County of Kent deliver the Corn or Rye purchased therein to Mr. Christopher Greene, at his Mills, at Potorowomut, or to Mr. Gideon Arnold, of Warwick.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, appointed to purchase the said Corn and Rye, for their respective Towns, to wit:

Newport, Christopher Ellery, Esq; Providence, James Arnold, Esq; Portsmouth, Thomas Shearman, Esq; Warwick, Charles Holden, Esq; Westerly, Edward Saunders, Esquire. North-Kingstown, Mr. Eber Shearman. South-Kingstown, Mr. George Babcock. East-Greenwich, Archibold Crary, Esquire. Jamestown, Mr. John Weeden. Smithfield, Mr. William Waterman. Scituate, Mr. John Williams. Gloucester, Moses Cooper, Esq; Charlestown, Gideon Hoxsie, Esq; West-Greenwich, George Dyre, Esq; Coventry, Thomas Mathewson, Esq; Exeter, Pardon Tillinghast, Esq; Middletown, Mr. Nicholas Easton. Bristol, Shearjashub Bourne, Esq; Tiverton, John Cooke, Esq; Little-Compton, Mr. Zebedee Greenell. Warren, Mr. John Child. Cumberland, Jotham Carpenter, Esq; Richmond, Robert Stanton, Esq; Cranston, Mr. Peter Burlingame. Hopkinton,

Hopkinton, Mr. Benjamin Maxson. Johnston, Mr. Job Waterman. North-Providence, Mr. Edward Smith. Barrington, Mr. Thomas Allen.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons appointed to purchase the Corn or Rye take Receipts, upon the Delivery thereof: That the Persons appointed to receive the same deliver it to the Order of the said Commissary-General, also taking Receipts therefor; and that the said Receipts be produced to this Assembly, at the next Session, that the Quantity delivered may be ascertained.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby, directed immediately to advance, to the Persons appointed to purchase the said Corn or Rye in their respective Towns, Money sufficient to purchase the same.



Whereas this State did lease, unto Mr. Samuel Carr, a certain Farm, lying in Exeter, which, at the Superior Court of Judicature held at South Kingstown in April last, was adjudged to be the Property of the Proprietors of *Petaquamscutt* Purchase: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer of this State assign the said Lease to, and for the Use of, the said Proprietors, that they may receive and apply the Rents agreeable to the Intent of the original Donation.*

Lease of a Farm in Exeter assigned.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Capt. *Elijah Lewis*, to wit:

E. Lewis's Account,

Capt. *Elijah Lewis* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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|---|-----------|----|---|
| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £175 | 3 | 3 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 22 | 7 | 9 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £233 | 11 | 1 |
| | Creditor. | | |

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Creditor.

1781: By the Balance due to you, from the
State, for Depreciation, as settled by
the Committee, Three Quarters pay-
ble in Lands, and One Quarter in
Money, £ 233 11 1

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Ac-
count stand balanced.

H. Sherburne's
Account.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported
unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of
Col. *Henry Sherburne*, to wit :

Col. *Henry Sherburne*, in Account, with the State of *Rhode-*
Island, &c. Dr.

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| 1781. To Three-Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £391 18 3 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Trea- surer, by Order of the General As- sembly, | 67 10 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 63 2 10 |
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| | £522 11 1 |

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you, from the
State, for Depreciation, as settled by
the Committee, Three-Quarters pay-
ble in Lands, and One-Quarter in
Money, £522 11 1

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781

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Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Col. *Israel Angell*, to wit: *I. Angell's Account.*

Col. *Israel Angell*, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

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| 1781. To Three-Quarters of your Balance set off in Lands, amounting to | £411 16 3 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 77 14 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 59 11 5 |
| | £549 1 8 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three-Quarters payable in Lands, and One-Quarter in Money, | £549 1 8 |
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Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, June 20, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Col. *Christopher Greene*, deceased, to wit: *C. Greene's Account.*

The Heirs of Col. *Christopher Greene*, deceased, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £339 15 2 |
| | To |

July, 1781.

To an Order on the General-Treasurer
for the Balance, being

£113 5 0

£453 0 2

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to the said *Christopher Greene*, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money,

£453 0 2

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

S. Ward's Account.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward*, to wit:

Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward*, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

1781. To Three-Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to

£279 5

To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly,

54 0 0

To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being

39 1 8

£372 6 8

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money,

£372 6 8

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*,
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Major *Ebenezer Flagg*, deceased, to wit: *E. Flagg's Account.*

The Heirs of Major *Ebenezer Flagg*, deceased, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three-Quarters of your Balance set off in Lands, amounting to | £267 13 10 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 45 0 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 44 4 7 |
| | £356 18 6 |
| Creditor. | |

1781. By the Balance due to the said *Ebenezer Flagg*, from the State, for Depreciation. as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, £356 18 6

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*,
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Capt. *William Tew*, to wit: *W. Tew's Account.*

Capt. *William Tew*, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £194 9 2 |
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July, 1781.

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| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General-Assembly, | £ 36 0 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 28 16 4 |
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| | £ 259 5 7 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, | £ 259 5 7 |
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Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, June 4, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
 That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Account stand balanced.

J. Webb's Account.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Capt. *James Webb*, to wit :

Capt. *James Webb*, in Account, with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £ 209 9 6 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 69 16 6 |
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| | £ 279 6 0 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, | |
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Money,

£279 6 0

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the same be accepted; and that the said Account
stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, re- *P. Turner's Ac-*
ported unto this Assembly the following State of *Dr. Peter* count.
Turner's Account, to wit :

Doctor *Peter Turner* in Account with the State of *Rhode-*
Island, &c. Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £321 19 11 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Trea- surer, by Order of the General As- sembly, | 54 0 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 53 6 7 |
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| | £429 6 7 |

Creditor.

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| 781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters paya- ble in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, | £429 6 7 |
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Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,*
That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Ac-
count stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, re-
ported

July, 1781.

J. Parish's Account, reported unto this Assembly the following State of Doctor *John Parish's Account, to wit :*

Doctor *John Parish* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £215 | 14 | 3 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 44 | 18 | 1 |
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| | £287 | 12 | 4 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, | £287 | 12 | 4 |
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Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Account stand balanced.

J. Nason's Account,

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esqrs. reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Serjeant *James Nason*, deceased, *to wit :*

The Heirs of Serjeant *James Nason*, deceased, in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £35 | 13 | 8 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 11 | 17 | 10 |
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| | £47 | 11 | 7 |

Creditor.

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to the said *James Nason*, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, £47 11 7

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 25, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, re- *S. Chapin's Ac-*
ported unto this Assembly the following State of the Ac- count
count of *Lieut. Seth Chapin*, to wit :

Lieut. Seth Chapin in Account with the State of *Rhode-Is-*
land, &c. Dr.

1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set
off in Lands, amounting to £126 1 3
To an Order on the General-Treasurer
for the Balance, being 42 0 5
£168 1 8

Creditor.

1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, £168 1 8

Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, June 4, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

July, 1781.

T. Arnold's Account.

Whereas *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, reported unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of Capt. *Thomas Arnold*, to wit :

Capt. *Thomas Arnold* in Account with the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dr.

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| 1781. To Three Quarters of your Balance, set off in Lands, amounting to | £218 | 2 | 1 |
| To Cash paid you, by the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| To an Order on the General-Treasurer for the Balance, being | 36 | 14 | 0 |
| | £290 | 16 | 2 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. By the Balance due to you, from the State, for Depreciation, as settled by the Committee, Three Quarters payable in Lands, and One Quarter in Money, | £290 | 16 | 2 |
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Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
John Jenckes, }

Providence, May 23, 1781.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Account stand balanced.

Committee to audit the Accounts of *J. Reynolds*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Christopher Greene*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to settle and adjust the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; late Agent-Clothier, with the State ; and that they receive of him all the Cloathing, in his Hands, belonging to the State, examine the same, and take the necessary Precautions to prevent its receiving Damage.

Committee to audit *J. Smith's* Accounts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes* and *Theodore Foster*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of *John Smith*, Esq; with the State ;

State; and that they report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Benjamin Bourne, Esquire, A. D. Q. M. G. be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Silver Money, for the Use of his Department, for which he is to account; and that the same be paid him out of the Tax, for Silver Money, assessed at the last Session.

B. Bourne allowed £100.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Brown, and Welcome Arnold, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to write to the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, in Answer to a Letter from the President, inclosing a Resolve of the 22d Day of May last.

Committee to write to Congress.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. Oliver Jenckes pay into the General-Treasury Thirty-six Pounds, Silver Money, being the Amount of a Bounty which he hath in his Hands, belonging to the State: And that he be empowered to receive, out of the General-Treasury, Eighteen Pounds, of the like Money, to pay the Reward, allowed by this State; for apprehending, and securing, Three Deserters from this State's Continental Battalion.

O. Jenckes to pay £36 and to receive £18.

This Assembly, taking into Consideration a Resolve of Congress, empowering and recommending to the Legislatures of the several States to suspend all Officers they shall deem unnecessary, and the Necessity of retrenching, as much as possible, the public Expences; and also the Report, of the Committees, appointed to examine the Books of the Commissary-General of Issues in this State; that Caleb Gardner, Esq; Commissary of Hides and Tallow in this State, Benjamin Stelle, Esq; Deputy-Paymaster-General, in this State, and Major Daniel Box, have drawn Provisions from the public Stores in the Month of June last; and that, in the Opinion of the said Committee, more Persons are employed in the said Commissary-General's Department than are necessary: *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved, That no Rations of Provisions, or Wood, be delivered, after this Day, to the said Caleb Gardner, Benjamin Stelle, and Daniel Box; the Offices of the said Caleb Gardner, and Benjamin Stelle, having become vacant by the Removal of the Continental Army from this State; and this*

Regulation of the Staff Department.

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Assembly having heretofore made Provision for compensating the former Services of the said *Daniel Box*.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That, until the further Orders of this Assembly, the said Commissary-General of Issues be allowed to employ, in this State, at the public Expence, only One Assistant Commissary of Issues, Two Clerks, and Two other Persons, each of whom is to act as Cooper and Scale-man ; and that the Secretary immediately transmit Copies of these Resolutions to the said Commissary-General of Issues, and to Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G.

W. Rhodes &c.
allowed £100.

It is Voted and Resolved, That William Rhodes, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw One Hundred Pounds, Silver Money, out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to proceed with the Beef, ordered by this Assembly, to the Army ; and that he account for the same.

Taxes upon
the Estates of
Persons in the
other States to
be advertised
in the Newspa-
pers of this
State.

Whereas divers Persons, living without the Limits of this State, are Proprietors of uncultivated Lands, and it is very inconvenient to the Collectors to advertise, in One of the *Boston* Newspapers, the Taxes assessed upon such Estates ; and that, in case of Neglect of Payment, so much of the said Lands will be sold as will be sufficient to pay such Taxes and Costs ; which Mode of notifying the Proprietors is prescribed by the Laws now in Force : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Collectors advertise the Sale of such Lands, for the Payment of the Taxes and Costs, in One of the Newspapers published in this State, instead of One of the Boston Newspapers.*

C. Ellery ap-
pointed Public
Notary.

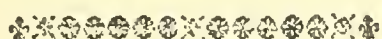
There being no Public Notary in the Town of *Newport*, from whence Inconveniences have arisen to those concerned in Commerce : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Christopher Ellery, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed Public Notary for the Town, and County, of Newport.*

Committee to
set off Lands to
W. Hopkins.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Gideon Hoxsie, Jonathan J. Hazard, and Joseph Stanton, jun. Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed, at the Request, and with the Consent, of Mr. William Hopkins, a Committee to appraise, and set off to the said William Hopkins, One or both of the Lots of Land lying in Point-Judith, in South-Kingstown, which
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were late, the Property of *John Borland, Esq*; if the said *William Hopkins* liath, or can within a reasonable Time procure, the Certificates given by the Commissary of Purchasers to pay for the same: That they view the said Lots, and appraise them at their real Value; and that, upon the said *William Hopkins's* paying into the General-Treasury the Amount of the said Appraisalment in the said Certificates, or in Gold or Silver, the General-Treasurer give a Deed of the said Lands to the said *William Hopkins*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Draught of a Letter to General *Choisy*, now before this Assembly, be approved; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to cause a fair Copy to be made thereof, and sign, and transmit the same to General *Choisy*.



WHEREAS the Council of War, on the Sixteenth Day of *June* last, did pass a Resolve for relieving the Militia of this State; and on the Twenty-sixth of the same Month did pass another Resolve for preventing future Delinquency; and since the passing the said Resolves an Alteration hath been made in the Commandant of the Militia at *Rhode-Island*: Wherefore,

Act respecting
Delinquents in
the Militia.

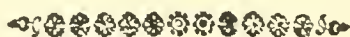
It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Resolves of the Sixteenth and Twenty-sixth of June be approved with this Alteration ; that Return of the Officers appointed, and Men draughted, be made to the Lieut. Col. Commandant, at *Newport*, who shall take the Place of Col. *Archibald Crary*, and who is hereby empowered and directed to cause all the Orders and Resolutions of the said Council of War to be carried into Execution: Excepting, that the Clause directing Delinquents to be sent forward to do Duty in the Continental Army be repealed.

And, in Lieu of the said Penalty, *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That each and every Person draughted or detached to do military Duty, pursuant to the Act of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, or the said Resolves of the Council of War, who after due Notice, hath refused or neglected, or shall refuse or neglect. to appear and do said Duty as required by the said Act of Assembly or Resolves of the said Council of War, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine the Sum of *Nine Pounds*, Silver Money, to

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be collected as other military Fines and Forfeitures are by Law directed to be collected: That if any Person delinquent as aforesaid, shall not have sufficient Estate to pay and discharge the said Fine he shall be sent to *Rhode-Island*, there to do military Duty for the Space of Two Months, in the same Manner as enlisted Soldiers: That the said Fines be paid into the Treasury of the Towns to which such Delinquents respectively belong, to be appropriated by the Town-Council of such Towns for hiring Men to supply the Places of such Delinquents: And that Arms and Accoutrements for such Delinquent be furnished from the Company to which he shall belong; for which such Delinquent shall be accountable.



J. Hazard permitted to go to New-York.

Whereas *Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq;* hath represented to this Assembly, That he hath a Son on board the Prison-Ship, at *New-York*, in a very distressed Situation, and prayed this Assembly to grant him a Flag of Truce to proceed to *New-York* to procure the Release of his said Son: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to grant to the said *Jonathan J. Hazard* a Flag of Truce, with the proper Passports, to enable him to proceed to *New-York*, for the Purpose aforesaid: That the Expence of the said Flag of Truce be defrayed by the said *Jonathan J. Hazard*; and that he do not proceed to *New-York*, without Permission first had from the Commander of his Most Christian Majesty's Fleet, in the Harbour of *Newport*.

Lands to be set off for the Money emitted in June, 1780.

It is Voted and Resolved, That, upon Application being made to this Assembly by any Person or Persons, possessed of the Bills of public Credit, emitted by this State, in *June, A. D. 1780*, to the Amount of *Three Hundred Pounds*, or upwards, this Assembly will mutually agree with such Person or Persons in appointing a Committee to appraise and set off to him or them, so much of the Lands upon which the said Money is funded as will be sufficient to redeem the said Bills: That the General-Treasurer shall execute a Deed thereof to the Person or Persons possessed of the said Bills, vesting in them a good and indefeazable Estate, in order to redeem the same; and that this Resolve be published in the Newspapers of this State.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. Daniel Branch, for his Attendance, as a Waiter, upon this Assembly, &c. and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed, for Silver Money, at the last Session.

D. Branch allowed £3 12s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes, Esq; be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to Solomon Southwick, Esq; Commissary-General of Issues, in this State, or to his Order, all the salted Beef, belonging to the State in his Care, as he shall call for the same, for the Use of the Militia doing Duty upon Rhode-Island.

Salted Beef to be delivered to the Commissary.

It is Voted and Resolved, That when Arms or Accoutrements shall be impressed for such poor Persons, draughted from the Militia to do Duty, as, in the Opinion of the Town-Council are unable to furnish themselves, the Officer, under whose Direction such Draught shall be made, shall impress the necessary Arms and Accoutrements from the Company only to which such poor Persons belong.

Arms for the Poor to be impressed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pounds Ten Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to John Peabody, for attending, as a Waiter, upon this Assembly, at the present Session; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed, for Silver Money, at the last Session.

J. Peabody allowed £1 10s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings, Silver Money, be allowed to Mr. William Compton, for his Attendance, as a Waiter, upon this Assembly, at the present Session; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed for Silver Money, at the last Session.

W. Compton allowed £2 5s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Major William Perkins, who hath the Care of the Military Stores, in this State belonging to the Continent, be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish the Vessels taken up by Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. to transport Military Stores, with small Cannon and the necessary Ammunition for their Defence on their Passage to Hartford.

Transports to carry Cannon.

Whereas it appears probable to this Assembly, from the Examination

J. Hubbard and J. Paine to remain confined.

Examination of *Joshua Hubbard* and *John Paine*, who are now confined in the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, and otherwise, that they have been concerned in an illicit Trade and Correspondence with the Enemies of the United States ; and the public Safety requires that they should remain confined, until liberated by due Course of Law : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That neither of the said Persons be bailed, until the next Term of the Superior Court, to be holden at *Providence* : That the said *John Paine* be removed to the Gaol in *Newport*, there to be confined : That One of the Justices of the Superior Court issue a Warrant accordingly ; and that the Sheriff of the said County of *Providence* take into Possession all the Estate and Effects of the said *Joshua Hubbard* and *John Paine*.

Provided nevertheless, that if the Governor, or the Executive Authority, of the State of *Connecticut* shall send for the said *Joshua Hubbard* and *John Paine*, or either of them, One of the Justices of the Superior Court shall issue his Warrant for the Delivery of the said Persons, or either of them, to the Order of the said Governor, or Executive Authority.

R. Helms allowed £5 12s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; for his Services, as Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly, at the last, and the present Session ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed, for Silver Money, at the last Session.

N. Jencks allowed £7 0 2d. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds and Two Pence*, Silver Money, be allowed to *Mr. Nathaniel Jencks*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Providence*, for his Service in warning divers Members of the General Assembly, and going Express several Times upon public Business ; and that the same be paid him, by the General-Treasurer, out of the Tax assessed, for Silver Money, at the last Session.

T. Foster to draught a Letter to General *Washington*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Theodore Foster*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to draught a Letter to his Excellency General *Washington* : And if his Excellency the Governor shall approve thereof he is requested to sign the same, and to inclose therein a Copy of the Examinations of *Joshua Hubbard*, now a Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of *Providence*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Moses Lippitt* be, and he is hereby, appointed one of the Committee for resurveying certain confiscated Estates, in the Room of Mr. *Matthew Manchester*, whose Business hath called him out of the State. *M. Lippitt appointed a Committee-Man.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. Col. *Samuel Ward* be, and he is hereby, directed to give a Certificate to Mr. *Gideon Westcot*, for the Amount of his Wages, as One of the Six-Months Men who served in Col. *Greene's* Regiment; his Name having been omitted in the Pay-Abstract, by Mistake. *Allowance to G. Westcot.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissary-General of Issues be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver One Ration only in Provision to any of the Persons now employed in the public Service, who are not actually in the Field, and to those of them only who shall have Orders therefor from the Commanding Officer at the Post: That he do not deliver any Provisions for Due-Bills given to any Persons out of this State, nor to any Person within this State, if the Persons who are possessed of such Due-Bills have drawn One Ration; and that he do not for the future give any Due-Bills for Back-Rations. *Orders about Rations.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Third Monday in *August* next, then to convene at the Library-House in *Newport*. *Adjournment.*

GOD save the United States of *America*.

A true COPY, duly examined:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

PROVIDENCE: Printed by BENNETT WHEELER.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the said State, on the Third *Monday* in *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Sixth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

Jabez Bowen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN I. CLARK, Esq;
THOMAS WELLS, Esq;
DANIEL MANTON, Esq;
GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;
SYLVESTER GARDNER, Esq;
CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq;
JOHN COOKE, Esq;
DANIEL OWEN, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:
Daniel Holloway, *Esq;*
William Channing, *Esq;*
William Taggart, *Esq;*
Job Easton, *Esq;*
Timothy Waterhouse, *Esq;*

PROVIDENCE:
Welcome Arnold, *Esq;*
Charles Keene, *Esq;*
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Theodore Foster, *Esq;*

PORTSMOUTH:
Mr. David Gifford,
Mr. Alexander Thomas,
Mr. William Anthony,
Mr. Robert Lawton.

WARWICK:
Thomas Holden, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Remington,
Mr. Moses Lippitt,
Christopher Greene, *Esq;*

WESTERLY:
David Maxson, *Esq;*
Edward Bliven, *Esq;*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:
Ezekiel Gardner, *jun. Esq;*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:
Robert Potter, *Esq;*
The Clerk.

EAST-GREENWICH:
Archibald Crary, *Esq;*
Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN:
Mr. John Weeden,
Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD:
Andrew Waterman, *Esq;*
Mr. Henry Jenckes.

SCITUATE:
Rufus Hopkins, *Esq;*

GLOUCESTER:
Mr. Simon Smith,
Mr. Stephen Winsor.

CHARLESTOWN:
Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*
Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq;*

WEST-GREENWICH:
Thomas Gorton, *Esq;*

COVENTRY:
Mr. Israel Bowen,
Stepher Potter, *Esq;*

EXETER:
John Chapman, *Esq;*
Thomas Wilcox, *Esq;*

MIDDLETOWN:
Mr. Nicholas Easton,
George Irish, *Esq;*

BRISTOL:
Mr. Speaker.

TIVERTON:
Mr. Joseph Shearman,
Mr. Benjamin Howland.

LITTLE-COMPTON:
William Richmond, *Esq;*
Isaac Bailey, *Esq;*

WARREN:
William T. Miller, *Esq;*

CUMBERLAND:
Jotham Carpenter, *Esq;*

RICHMOND:
Robert Stanton, *Esq;*
Mr. Christopher Clarke.

CRANSTON:
Peter Burlingame, *Esq;*

HOPKINTON:
George Thurston, *Esq;*
Mr. Samuel Babcock.

JOHNSTON:
John Smith, *Esq;*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Essek Hopkins, *Esq;*
John Jenckes, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON:
None.

ROUSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. *B. Bourne* allowed £ 100.
 be and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury *One Hundred Pounds* Silver Money, in order to pay the Expences in sending forward, by the Orders of his Excellency General *Washington*, the Rum and salted Provisions, as directed by his Excellency the Governor; and that he account for the same.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Corlis* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for One Barrel of Turpentine, *Corlis* allowed £ 3
 for the Use of the Beacon in *Providence*, delivered by the late Governor *Cooke's* Order: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *George Corlis* out of the General-Treasury. ^{12 s.}

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Joseph Crandal* be and he is hereby *J. Crandal* allowed 150
 empowered to receive *One Hundred and Fifty Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for the Damages he sustained, in having his House removed, in order to build a Fort at *Easton's Point*, in *Newport*: And that the Order of this Assembly heretofore made, that the said *Joseph Crandal* should receive *Three Hundred Dollars* of the new Emission out of the General-Treasury for the said Damages, be and the same is hereby revoked and declared null and void: And the Secretary is to note the same accordingly. ^{Dollars.}

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Conduct of his Excellency the Governor, in directing *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. to hire or impress a Vessel, and to send forward to the Orders of his Excellency General *Washington* *Thirty Hogsheds* of Rum, and all the salted Provisions belonging to this State, excepting *Twenty Barrels*, be and the same is hereby approved: And the said *Benjamin Bourne* is directed to proceed accordingly. ^{Conduct of the Governor in sending Provisions to the Army approved.}

WHEREAS Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Expences to *Boston* in Search after Deserters, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury. ^{*O. Jenckes* allowed £ 3}

WHEREAS *Andrew Boyd*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. for the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Justices of the said Court, in taking the Examinations of divers Persons suspected of burning the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Andrew Boyd* out of the General-Treasury. ^{*A. Boyd* allowed £ 3.}

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Field* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, amounting to *Five Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence* Silver Money, for packing and trimming Provisions: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the *J. Field* allowed £ 2
^{13 s. 8 d.}

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the Balance of *Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence* Silver Money, due thereon, be paid the said *Joseph Field* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Russell allowed £ 2
12 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Russell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for weighing, packing and storing Beef: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be paid the said *John Russell* out of the General-Treasury.

Petition of
J. Potter
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Josiah Potter*, of *Cranston*, Mariner, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year 1776 he was taken by the Enemy, and carried to *Antigua*; and, in order to relieve himself from Confinement and Distress, he entered into the Enemy's Merchant Service, where he continued without having any Opportunity of getting home (although it was constantly his Design) until the Third Day of this Month, when he was captured by Capt. *John B. Hopkins*, and brought into *Newport*, where he is now imprisoned: Whereupon he prayed this Assembly to set him at Liberty, and restore him to his native Country and Friends:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted: And that, upon the said *Josiah Potter's* taking an Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to this State, he be and hereby is declared to be entitled to all the Privileges and Immunities he would have been entitled to, if he had never been in the *British* Service.

N. Lewis allowed £ 1
10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Lewis* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences, &c. in attending the Committee appointed to enquire into the illicit Trade carried on with *Block-Island*, as an Evidence: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Lewis* out of the General-Treasury.

P. Turner allowed £ 5
14 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Dr. *Peter Turner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines, Attendance, &c. upon the Hospital of Col. *Greene's* Regiment, in the Year 1780: And the Committee to whom the same was referred made the following Report, *to wit*:

THE Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly to examine the Account of Dr. *Peter Turner*, do report, that we have examined the said Account, compared the Vouchers, and find a Balance due to the said *Peter Turner* of *Four Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings* old Continental Money; which being reduced to real Money, at Seventy-two for One, is *Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence*.

CHARLES KEENE,
JOHN WEEDEN,
DANIEL HOLLOWAY.
WHICH

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Balance of *Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Peter Turner* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS his Excellency the Count *de Barras*, Commander in Chief of his Most Christian Majesty's Fleet in the Harbour of *Newport*, hath represented unto this Assembly, that the Houses, Wharves, Stores and Land, which did late belong to *Joseph Wanton* and *George Rome*, situate upon *Easton's Point*, in *Newport*, are of Consequence to him, for the Reception of the Naval Stores, &c. belonging to the Fleet, and requested that the same may not be sold agreeable to the former Orders of this Assembly: And this Assembly being very desirous of giving every Aid, Assistance and Convenience, to the Fleets and Armies of his Most Christian Majesty, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Houses, Wharves, Stores and Land, which did late belong to the said *Joseph Wanton* and *George Rome*, situate upon *Easton's Point*, in *Newport*, be postponed: And that the Committee appointed for the Purpose of selling and disposing of confiscated Estates do not proceed to dispose of the Premises aforesaid, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Sale of Wanton's Wharff, &c. postponed.

WHEREAS, Mr. *Samuel Westcot* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Passage of divers Prisoners of War, and a Guard, from *Providence* to *Newport*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Two Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Westcot* out of the General-Treasury.

S. Westcot allowed £ 2 2s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay the Amount of the Bill of Exchange, dated the Nineteenth of *June*, A. D. 1781, drawn by *James M. Varnum*, Esq; upon the said Treasurer, in Favour of *Clement Biddle*, Esq; for *Two Hundred and Sixty six Spanish milled Dollars and Two Thirds of a Dollar*, according to the Tenor thereof; and that the Amount of the same be charged against the said *James M. Varnum*, towards his Account, for representing this State in Congress.

J. M. Varnum's Bill of Exchange to be paid.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for Ten Barrels of Flour for the Use of the Troops doing Duty within this State, amounting to *Twenty Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon, being *Thirteen Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence*, be paid the said *Clark* and *Nightingale* out of the General-Treasury.

Clark and Nightingale allowed £ 13 11s. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Demont* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going from *Providence* to *Coventry*, to estimate Cattle for the Continental Army: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Demont* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Demont allowed £ 5 8s.

G. Mumford
allowed £ 2
8 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-Hire, and Expences, in riding to *West-Greenwich*, &c. by Order of his Excellency the Governor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Gideon Mumford* out of the General-Treasury.

B. Bourne al-
lowed £ 9
7 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Fifty Bushels of Onions, delivered by his Honor the Deputy-Governor's Order to the Militia doing Duty at *Newport*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Bourne* out of the General-Treasury.

Flag to be
sent to New-
York.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Brigadier General *Nathan Miller* be and he is hereby appointed to proceed to *New-York* in a Flag of Truce, to exchange the Inhabitants of this State now in Captivity: That he endeavour to establish a regular Mode for the future exchanging Prisoners with the Commissary of Prisoners there: That the Commissary of Prisoners in this State provide a suitable Vessel for the said *Nathan Miller* to proceed on the said Business: That the Commissary of Issues deliver to the said Commissary of Prisoners One Barrel of Flour, and Two Barrels of Beef, for that Purpose: That the said Flag go under the Direction of his Excellency the Governor, who is requested to furnish the necessary Papers and Instructions: And that the Expence of the said Flag be paid by this State.

A. Reynolds's
Petition
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Amos Reynolds*, of *West-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was apprehended and committed to the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, under a Suspicion of burning the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; from whence he unadvisedly made his Escape, whereupon by an Order of this Assembly his Estate both real and personal was seized, and the personal Estate ordered to be sold; and that, previous to the Order for selling his personal Estate, he voluntarily surrendered himself up to the Sheriff of the said County, and recognized for his Appearance at the Superior Court to take his Trial, &c. And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the said Sheriff not to sell his personal Estate until after the said Trial shall be had, and that then the said Estate, as also his real Estate, be released and discharged, or held so far as shall be ordered and adjudged by the said Court:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted.

J. Slocum al-
lowed £ 30.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Slocum*, a Soldier who late belonged to this State's Continental Regiment, and is now transferred to the Corps of Invalids in Consequence of his having a Leg amputated, occasioned by a Wound he received in the Battle at *Springfield*, in *New-Jersey*, be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury *One Hundred Silver Dollars*, in full for his Wages from the First Day of *April*, A.D. 1780, to the First Day of *July*, A.D. 1781.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who have Demands *W. Taggart* against this State, for Stock driven off the Island of *Rhode-Island* by the Direction of the General Assembly, at the Time the Enemy took Possession of the said Island, depofite their respective Claims in the Hands of *William Taggart, Esq;* with a Description of their Cattle, and such Proofs as they can produce, who is hereby appointed to receive and lay the same before this Assembly.

WHEREAS a small Quantity of Goods were lately brought in a Flag of Truce from *New-York*, commanded by Capt. *Nathaniel Briggs*, which were designed for the Payment of some Debts, and small Presents sent to the Families of Persons within this State; which Goods were seized and libelled before the Inferior Court, &c. for the County of *Newport*: And whereas it appears that the said Goods were not intended for Merchandize, but merely as Payment of Debts, and Presents: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Goods aforesaid be and the same are hereby released: That they be restored to the several Persons to whom they were directed; the Claimants of the same paying what Costs have already arisen: That this Release be not in future brought into Precedent for importing or bringing any Goods into this State, as Presents from within the Enemy's Lines: And that the said Inferior Court order the Sheriff to deliver the said Goods accordingly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of *James Lovett, Esq;* Quarter Master General, with this State: That he be allowed at and after the Rate of *Seventy five Silver Dollars* per Month for his Services in said Office; and that they be continued a Committee, for adjusting the Accounts of *John Smith, Esq;* with this State.

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore order and direct the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* to seize and sell at public Vendue all the personal Estate which he could find, belonging to the Persons who broke Gaol in the said County and elsewhere, who were confined on Suspicion of Arson and other high Crimes: And whereas some of the Persons who were imprisoned and broke Gaol and fled, have left Families, who are distressed, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* leave with the Families who are in absolute Need thereof such Articles of household Furniture as he shall think are really necessary for their Support, taking proper Securities to return the Articles whenever called for; and that he sell the Remainder agreeable to the Orders of this Assembly.

WHEREAS there are a Number of *Connecticut Stones*, the Property of this State, upon the Farm late belonging to *George Rome*, which are in Danger of being damaged or lost: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *William Channing, Esq;* be and he is hereby appointed to sell the said Stones, at public or private Sale, to the best Advantage for the State, and lodge the Money arising from the Sale thereof in the General-Treasury.

August, 1781.

Confiscated
Estates on
Rhode-Island
to be sold for
Gold or
Silver only.
B. Richmond
allowed £6
9s. 6d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to sell the confiscated Estates, lying upon *Rhode-Island*, dispose of them for Gold or Silver only.

WHEREAS *Dr. Benjamin Richmond* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines, and Attendance upon several sick Soldiers, belonging to this State's Regiment of Artillery, in the Year 1777: And the following Report was made thereon, *to wit*:

AGREEABLE to our Appointment, we have examined the said Account of *Dr. Benjamin Richmond*, and find it right cast.

CHARLES KEENE,
DANIEL HOLLOWAY,
JOHN WEEDEN.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of the said Account; being *Six Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Richmond* out of the General-Treasury.

Delinquent
Towns to
pay Money,
in Lieu of
Corn and
Rye.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Towns which have been delinquent in sending in the Corn and Rye, for the Use of the Militia doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*, agreeable to the Requisitions of this Assembly, and Council of War, either deliver said Corn and Rye at the Posts and Places required, or pay, in Lieu thereof, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, *One Silver Dollar* for each and every Bushel of Corn and Rye assessed upon the said Towns respectively, into the Hands of *William Taggart*, Esq; to be appropriated and laid out in the Purchase of Flour, for the Use of the Militia doing Duty as aforesaid: And that he account for the same.

Report upon
the Account
of *J. Reynolds*.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Christopher Greene*, Esquires, laid before this Assembly the following State of the Account of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier, together with their Report thereon, as follows, *to wit*:

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| The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> in Account Current with <i>John Reynolds</i> , | | |
| | Agent-Clothier, | Dr. |
| To the Amount of Sundries, as per Account exhibited, | } | £ 141690 7 2 |
| To 2½ per Cent. Commissions on the above Sum, | | 3542 5 2 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | Old Continental Currency, | £ 145232 12 4 |

Creditor.

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| 1780. } By Cash received of <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; | } | £ 24000 0 0 |
| June 19. } General-Treasurer, | | |
| 30. By Ditto, | Ditto, | 7000 0 0 |
| Aug. 4. By Ditto, | Ditto, | 9000 0 0 |
| Sept. 16. By Ditto, | Ditto, | 12000 0 0 |
| Oct. 13. By Ditto, | Ditto, | 15000 0 0 |
| Nov. 21. By Ditto of Col. <i>Topham</i> 's Officers in full, | | 56 12 10 |

Dec.

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|---|----------|----|---|
| Dec. 6. By Ditto of <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , General-Treasurer, | £ 20000 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. By Ditto of Col. <i>Elliott's</i> Officers in full, | 39 | 2 | 1 |
| 29. By Ditto of <i>Philip Martin</i> in full, | 20 | 17 | 4 |
| By the Amount of Blankets and Stock-ings received from the several Towns, | 46100 | 10 | 0 |
| By the Amount of Goods drawn out of the Store for my own Use, | £ 440 | 16 | 0 |
| By Ditto, by <i>Nathaniel Mumford</i> , | 329 | 16 | 8 |
| By Ditto, by <i>Jableel Mumford</i> , | 227 | 16 | 7 |
| By Ditto, by <i>Joseph West</i> . | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| By Commissions on £ 1034 9s. 3d. at 2½ per Cent. | £ 1034 | 9 | 3 |
| | 25 | 17 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| Balance due to <i>John Reynolds</i> , | £ 134277 | 8 | 9 |
| | 10955 | 3 | 7 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| Old Continental Currency, | £ 145232 | 12 | 4 |
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Errors excepted, per

JOHN REYNOLDS, Agent-Clothier.

East-Greenwich, Jan. 4, 1781.

State of *Rhode-Island* in Account Current with *John Reynolds*, Agent-Clothier,

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| 1781. } To Balance of Account this Day settled, | Dr. Specie. |
| Jan. 4. } £ 10955 3s. 7d. old Continental Money, | £ 182 11 8 |
| | which at 60 for 1 amounts to |
| 1780. } To Cash paid <i>Ezekiel Cornell</i> , Esq; to purchase a Suit of Cloaths, 800 old Continental Dollars, which at 32 for 1 is | 7 10 0 |
| Feb. 14. } | |
| May 5. } To <i>Ephraim Bowen</i> , D. Q. M. G. his Account for Sundries drawn out of the Store, which Sum I credited the State for, in my Accounts settled of this Date, as he doth not incline to pay it, £ 1095 7s. 7d. old Continental Money, at 40 for 1, is | 27 7 8 |
| | |
| To my Expences going to <i>Boston</i> after Cloathing of the Navy-Board, and my Trouble in receiving Cloathing of the Committee of War, and delivering Sundries to the Three Regiments in <i>January</i> and <i>February</i> , A. D. 1778, | 63 14 8 |

Amount of Specie due to the following Persons, to wit:

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| <i>William and James Wheaton</i> , | £ 196 | 19 | 0 |
| <i>Nathan Waterman</i> , | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| <i>Sylvester Greene</i> , | 19 | 15 | 2 |
| <i>Josiah Flagg</i> , | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| <i>William Cozzens</i> , | 25 | 14 | 3 |
| <i>Jonathan Jenkins</i> , | 9 | 17 | 9 |

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Cyprian

August, 1781.

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| <i>Cyprian Sterry,</i> | £ 9 10 0 |
| <i>William and Samuel Wall,</i> | 1 7 6 |
| <i>Power and Rogers,</i> | 0 17 10 |
| <i>Benjamin West,</i> | 1 6 3 |
| <i>Sloop Victory,</i> | 2 2 0 |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 12 0 0 |
| <i>Joseph West,</i> | 19 10 0 |

Commissions on £ 320 2 s. 1 d. at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.

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| £ 320 2 1 |
| 8 0 0 |
| £ 609 6 1 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. } By Cash received of the General-Treasu- | Specie. |
| March 16. } rer £ 200, in the new Continental Emis- | £ 100 0 0 |
| | sion, which at 2 for 1 is |
| | By Balance due on a former Account, £ 55 |
| | 7 s. 7 d. in the Continental new Emission, |
| | which at 2 for 1 is |
| | By Blankets received from <i>North-Kings-</i> |
| | town, |
| | Balance due to <i>John Reynolds,</i> |
| | 27 13 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 12 0 0 |
| | 469 12 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | £ 609 6 1 |

State of *Rhode-Island* in Account Current with *John Reynolds*, Agent-Clothier,

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| 1781. } To Balance of Account settled, | Specie. |
| Aug. 15. } To <i>Richard Fry's</i> Bill, | £ 469 12 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | To short cast on <i>Nicholas Brown's</i> Account, |
| | To short cast on the United States' Account, |
| | 0 6 0 |
| | 0 10 0 |
| | 0 5 5 |
| | £ 470 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Creditor.

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| | Specie. |
| By Overcharge on the Balance of the first | |
| Account, which was cast at 60 for 1, and | £ 36 10 3 |
| should have been at 72 for 1, | |
| By Overcharge on the Account of Expences | |
| for getting Cloathing from the Navy-Board, | 63 14 8 |
| &c. | |
| By Overcharge on <i>Cyprian Sterry's</i> Account, | 3 10 0 |
| | £ 103 14 11 |
| 1781. } Balance due to <i>John Reynolds,</i> | 366 18 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Aug. 15 } | £ 470 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

East-Greenwich, August 15, 1781.

Errors excepted, per

JOHN REYNOLDS, Agent-Clothier.

We

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly to examine and settle the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier for this State, having carefully gone through the Business, by comparing all the Charges, with the Vouchers for the same, do find a Balance of *Three Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny* Silver Money due to the said *John Reynolds*, agreeable to the foregoing Accounts. Which is submitted to your Honors.

JOHN JENCKES,
THOMAS HOLDEN,
CHRISTOPHER GREENE, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that upon the said *John Reynolds's* paying into the General-Treasury the Sum of *Four Hundred and Eight Pounds Six Shillings* in Bills of the Continental new Emission of this State (which remain in his Hands unappropriated) that then the said Sum of *Three Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *John Reynolds* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for his Demand against the State.

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore order and direct that *John J. Payne* to *Payne*, jun. a Person suspected of carrying on an illicit Trade with the Enemy, should be committed to the Gaol in *Newport*, for Examination and Trial, if sufficient Proof should appear against him: And whereas the Crime of which he is suspected is bailable: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Judges of the Superior Court, or either of them, examine into the Evidence against the said *John Payne*, and, with the Advice of the Attorney-General of this State, either bail or discharge him, as the Evidence shall appear. he bailed or discharged.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. which by Law ought to have been holden at *Bristol* in *April* last, failed of being then held, for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices attending: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Business and Proceedings whatever, then pending before the said Court, be revived and continued to the next Term of the said Court, to be holden according to Law: That the same be then heard, proceeded upon and determined, as other Business legally coming before said Court: And that this Resolve be published in the News-Papers of this State. Superior Court in Bristol County revived.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Murphey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Iron-Work done for the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Edward Murphey* out of the General-Treasury. E. Murphey allowed £ 6 4 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Anthony* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in riding Express to *Providence*, by Order of his Excellency the Governor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, S. Anthony allowed £ 4 4 s.

Resolved, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Anthony* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Demout
to be paid by
the Town of
Providence
£ 30 19 s.
10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Demout* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for fresh Beef, supplied the Troops doing Duty within this State: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon, of *Thirty Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Tenpence* Silver Money, be paid the said *John Demout* by the Town of *Providence*: And that the Sum aforesaid be deducted from the next Proportion of Beef to be assessed upon the said Town.

S. Anthony
allowed £ 15.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Anthony* represented unto this Assembly, that heretofore he was allowed the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds* out of the General-Treasury, in Continental Bills of the new Emission, in full Compensation for his Account against the State for *Fifteen Pounds* Silver Money: That accordingly he received the said Sum, but upon Examination found the same was signed by only one of the Commissioners, by Reason whereof he could not pass the same at the Time of the said Money's being in Circulation: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Samuel Anthony* pay into the General-Treasury the said Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds* in the new Emission as aforesaid: And that thereupon he receive the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* in Silver Money, out of the General-Treasury.

N. Mumford
allowed £ 1
8 s.

WHEREAS *Nathaniel Mumford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for keeping Cattle for the State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Pound Eight Shillings* thereof be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

J. Jenckes
allowed £ 3
9 s.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Service in settling the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Nine Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury.

Petition for
dividing the
Town of *Scituate* granted.

WHEREAS the Freemen of the Town of *Scituate* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Town is very extensive, and inconvenient for transacting public Business, it being near Twelve Miles in Length, and Eight Miles and an Half in Breadth: That many of the Freemen live Twelve Miles from any convenient Place for doing public Business; and that other Disadvantages attend its present Situation: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that *Theodore Foster*, *Henry Marchant*, and *Caleb Fisk*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draft a Bill accordingly.

Collectors of
Taxes to receive
Depreciation.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Collectors of Taxes, in some of the Towns within this State, have been obliged to advance

advance considerable Sums of their own Money, to discharge the Taxes for Continental Money committed to them to collect, in Consequence of the Delinquency of Individuals within their respective Towns; and that since the advancing of the said Sums, the Continental Money hath greatly depreciated: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Collectors aforesaid be and they are hereby empowered, to demand and receive of the Persons delinquent the Value of the Sums by them advanced for the Use of such Delinquents, in Gold or Silver, agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation, to be computed from the Date of the last Receipt each Collector received from the General-Treasurer.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Dispute shall arise between any Collector of Taxes, and the Individuals who are deficient, by Reason that the Collector had not properly applied for the Taxes, the Collectors shall make Oath, before either of the Justices of the Superior Court, or any Justice of the Inferior Court, in the County where he resides, that he did make proper Application to them for the Taxes: That the Individuals who are deficient shall be cited to appear, if they shall think fit, at the making such Oath: And that the Collector shall further make Oath that he hath advanced his own Money, and hath not applied any Money he hath collected for Taxes, to discharge the Tax of any Individual from whom he shall demand Depreciation: And in case the Collectors shall not make Oath as aforesaid, they shall have no Remedy for the Depreciation aforesaid.

WHEREAS Mr. *Francis Mulbone*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, *F. Mulbone's* and represented unto this Assembly, that his Daughter, *Elizabeth Breefe*, *Petition* the Wife of Major *John Breefe*, now at *New-York*, hath lately been requested by her said Husband to apply for Permission to come to him at *New-York*: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to permit him to proceed to *New-York* in a Vessel, at his own Expence, to carry his said Daughter, and her infant Child: *granted.*

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted: And that a Flag, under the particular Attention of his Excellency the Governor, be granted at such Time as he may think proper.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Lucy Lawton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the State, for boarding and nursing *L. Lawton* *George Lawton*, a wounded Soldier, from *January 12, A.D. 1777*, to *October* the 27th following, amounting to *Fifty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Lucy Lawton* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account *allowed £15.*

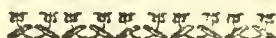
An ACT for dividing the Town of *Scituate*, and incorporating the West End thereof into a Township, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *Foster*.

Scituate
divided.

Foster incor-
porated.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Town of *Scituate* be and the same is hereby divided into Two distinct and separate Towns: That the dividing Line between the two Towns shall be run and ascertained in the following Manner, to wit: By accurately measuring the dividing Line between the Towns of *Coventry* and *Scituate*, and fixing and establishing a Boundary in the Middle thereof, and from thence running North, parallel with the Seven Mile Line, until it comes to the dividing Line between *Scituate* and *Gloucester*, in such Manner as to divide the present Town of *Scituate* into Two Towns of equal Extent and Dimensions, as nearly as may be: That all the Lands to the Westward of the said dividing Line last mentioned, between *Coventry* and *Gloucester*, and extending to *Connecticut* Line, be and the same are hereby erected and incorporated into a Township, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *Foster*: That the Inhabitants thereof shall choose Two Deputies to represent them in General Assembly; and shall have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the Liberties, Privileges and Immunities, which the other Towns in this State enjoy and are entitled to: And that such Part of the said Town of *Scituate* as lieth to the Eastward of said dividing Line shall still remain a Town, retaining its former Name of *Scituate*.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Debts due, and Monies belonging, to the said Town of *Scituate*, before the Division thereof by this Act made, shall be divided between the said Towns according to the last Tax assessed in the said Town of *Scituate*: That all Debts due from the said Town of *Scituate* shall be settled in like Manner: And that the Poor be divided between the said two Towns in Proportion to the Taxes and Debts.



Towns of
Scituate and
Foster to
choose De-
puties for
October Ses-
sion.

WHEREAS an Act hath passed at this Session of Assembly for dividing the Town of *Scituate* into Two Towns, and the Election of Deputies for *October* Session, according to Law, will happen before the dividing Line can be conveniently run: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Deputies to serve at the said *October* Session, for the said two Towns, be postponed to the First Monday of *October* next: That they then be chosen in the same Manner as other Towns elect their Deputies: And that in the mean Time the dividing Line, agreeable to said Act, be run and ascertained by Messieurs *Peter Burlingame*, *Job Manchester*, and *William Field*, jun. all of *Cranston*, or any two of them; who are hereby appointed a Committee for that Purpose, and empowered and directed to affix proper Boundaries, and make Report of their Proceedings at the next Session of this Assembly.

A N D

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the eldest Justice of the Peace in the Town of *Foster* be and he is hereby required and empowered to give legal Notice to the Freemen of the said Town, by a Warrant from under his Hand and Seal, directed to either of the Constables of said Town, requesting them to convene together for the Purpose of choosing Deputies to represent them in General Assembly in *October* next: That the said Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster* be and they are hereby directed and empowered, on the said First Monday of *October* next, to convene together in their respective Towns, and elect their Town-Officers for the remaining Part of the present Year, agreeable to Law: That in the mean Time the Town-Officers in the said Towns execute their respective Offices in the same Manner as before the Division of said Towns was made by said Act: And that the Persons chosen Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*, be Justices of the Peace for the Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*, in which they respectively live.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. hath represented unto this Assembly, that he hath hired a Vessel for the Transportation of Provisions, which is in Want of a Skipper and One Hand, to navigate her: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said *Benjamin Bourne* be and he is hereby empowered to take Two Men from the Regiment now in Service on *Rhode-Island*, under the Command of Col. *Thomas Tillinghast*, for the Purpose aforesaid, and agree with them on the best Terms he can; provided they consent to proceed in said Vessel.

Two Men to be taken from the Regiment on *Rhode-Island* to transport Provisions.

THE Senior Class Company of the Town of *Providence* having requested this Assembly to appoint the following Officers for that Company, to wit:

Officers of the Senior Class in *Providence*.

Simeon Thayer, Captain,
Benjamin Hoppen, Lieutenant,
Samuel Black, Ensign:

WHICH being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Officers be and they are hereby appointed.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Ann Wright* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the State, for Boarding and the Expences of *Benoni Wright*, a sick Soldier: Which being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ann Wright* out of the General-Treasury.

A. Wright allowed £ 3

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph B. Nichols* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for going Express to *Charlestown*, by Order of his Excellency the Governor: Which being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Balance due thereon, of Twelve Shillings Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph B. Nichols* out of the General-Treasury.

J. B. Nichols allowed 12 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Laffell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences and Horse-Hire, in going to *Lebanon*, with Dispatches for Governor *Trumbull*:

J. Laffell allowed £ 4 5 s. 6 d.

bull: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Laffell* out of the General-Treasury.

G. English
allowed £ 14 s.
8 d. WHEREAS Mr. *George English* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for digging a Grave and Attendance on the Funeral of *Benoni Wright*, a Soldier: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Shillings and Eightpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *George English* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Townsend
allowed £ 1
10 s. WHEREAS Mr. *John Townsend* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Coffin for *Benoni Wright*, a Soldier: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Townsend* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Easton,
jun. allowed £ 3 12 s. WHEREAS Dr. *Jonathan Easton*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, amounting to *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, for his Attendance upon and Medicines for *Benoni Wright*, a Soldier: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money be paid the said *Jonathan Easton* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

M. Lippitt
allowed £ 2
5 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Moses Lippitt* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance in re-surveying the Farms late belonging to *Borland* and *Vassal*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Five Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Moses Lippitt* out of the General-Treasury.

P. Burlingame the 3d
allowed £ 2
5 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Peter Burlingame* the Third exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance in re-surveying the Farms late belonging to *Borland* and *Vassal*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Five Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Peter Burlingame* out of the General-Treasury.

C. Greene
allowed £ 1
4 s. WHEREAS *Christopher Greene*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance in settling the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Christopher Greene* out of the General-Treasury.

E. Brown
allowed £ 3. WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding *Hannah Dunn*, one of the Poor of *Middletown*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ebenezer Brown* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Jehu Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *J. Smith* by him charged against the State, for Work done upon, and Timber ^{allowed £2} supplied for, the Gaol in *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It* ^{8s.} *is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Jehu Smith* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Barker* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-Hire and Expenses in carrying Acts of Assembly to the Counties of *Kent* and *King's* <sup>*W. Barker*
 allowed £1
 14s. 6s.</sup> *County*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Barker* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *George Thurston* and *Samuel Babcock*, Deputies from the Town of *Hopkinton*, for and in Behalf of the Second Company of Militia in the Town aforesaid, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Company is large, and the Bounds thereof very extensive: That it contains upwards of One Hundred and Ten Soldiers, besides those who belong to the Senior Class; and that their living so remote makes it inconvenient for them to meet together for training, &c. And thereupon prayed this Assembly to divide the said Company in the following Manner, *to wit*: By a Line, beginning at the Line that divides this State from the State of *Connecticut*, about Ten Rods to the Northward of a West Line from the House of *Edward Robinson*; thence running East to the Road that runs Northerly from the *Sabbatarian* Meeting-House through the said Town; from thence Southerly down the said Road, until it comes to Lands belonging to *Abel Tanner*, Esq; and from thence Easterly, so as to take in the Houses of *James Broome*, *Amos Button* and *Timothy Larkin*, until it comes to the dividing Line between the said Town of *Hopkinton* and the Town of *Richmond*: That all belonging to the said Company, to the Northward of the said Line, be set off as a Company by themselves, to be known and established as the Fourth Company of Militia in said Town of *Hopkinton*; and that proper Officers be appointed to command the same: <sup>*Petition for*
 dividing the
 Second Com-
 pany of Mi-
 litia in Hop-
 kinton.</sup>

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Barker* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-Hire and Expenses in carrying Resolves of the Council of War to *Bristol*, *Smith-* <sup>*W. Barker*
 allowed £3
 5s.</sup> *field*, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Five Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Barker* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Benjamin*, of *Exeter*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was draughted as a Soldier for an Expedition on *Rhode-Island*, at which Time he was in the Sixty-sixth Year of his Age; and consequently exempted by Law: And that <sup>*J. Benjamin's*
 Petition re-
 ferred.</sup>

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notwithstanding he is enrolled as a Delinquent, in a Class of Twelve, to raise a Soldier :

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the same be and hereby is referred to the next Session of this Assembly : And that in the mean Time the Chairman of the Committee for classing the Men in the said Town of *Exeter*, and the Head of the Class in which the said *Jonathan Benjamin* is classed, be cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, to shew Cause, if any they have, why the Prayer of the said Petition should not be granted ; and that in the mean Time all Proceedings be stayed.

Sale of
confiscated
Estates post-
poned.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee for selling the confiscated Estates, do not proceed to sell any more of the said Estates, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Arms to be
impressed for
the Militia
at Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. Col. *Thomas Tillinghast* be and he is hereby empowered and directed to impress, upon the Island of *Rhode-Island*, Thirty good Muskets, for the Use of the Militia under his Command.

T. Holden
allowed £ 6.

WHEREAS *Thomas Holden*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for settling the Accounts of *John Reynolds*, Esq; Agent-Clothier, and re-surveying the Farms late belonging to *Borland* and *Vassal*, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Six Pounds Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Holden* out of the General-Treasury.

A. Crary to
receive the
Cloathing
from the late
Agent-Clo-
thier.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Archibald Crary*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to receive all the Cloathing in the Hands of *John Reynolds*, Esq; late Agent-Clothier, belonging to this State ; and that he carefully pack the same up, and have the Care thereof, until called for by this State.

J. Congdon
the Third
allowed £ 7
14s. 6d.

UPON the Petition of *James Congdon* the Third, of *Charlestown*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that he may be paid for Six Sides of curried Neat's Leather, which he bought of *John Cross*, to make Soldiers Shoes, when he was one of the Committee of Safety, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers, being appointed to examine into the Subject-Matter of the aforesaid Petition, are of Opinion, that the said *James Congdon* is justly entitled to receive from this State the Sum of Seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money. Which is submitted by

WELCOME ARNOLD,
JOHN I. CLARK.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of Seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money be paid unto the said *James Congdon* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, *B. Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Expences, &c. of himself and Deputy, in warning the Members of the General Assembly of said County to meet at *Providence*, the Third Monday of *July* last: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriab Brown* out of the General-Treasury. *B. Brown* allowed £3.

WHEREAS *Mr. Beriab Waite* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for going Express divers Times with the Acts of the General Assembly, and Resolves of the Council of War, to the several Towns in the County of *King's County*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriab Waite* out of the General-Treasury. *B. Waite* allowed £9.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. John Cotterell*, preferred unto this Assembly, representing that he was draughted as a Soldier for an Expedition upon *Rhode-Island*, when he was above Fifty Years of Age; and consequently exempted by Law: And that notwithstanding he is enrolled as a Delinquent, in a Class of Twelve, to raise a Soldier: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be referred to the next Session of this Assembly: That the Chairman of the Committee for classing Men in the Town of *Exeter*, and the Head of the Class in which the said *John Cotterell* was classed, be cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly; and that in the mean Time all Proceedings be stayed. *J. Cotterell's* Petition referred.

WHEREAS *Mr. William Rice* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Passage of Forty Soldiers from *Newport* to *Warwick*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Rice* out of the General-Treasury. *W. Rice* allowed £1 10s.

WHEREAS *Joseph Noyes*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Twenty-six Bushels of *Indian Meal* for the Use of the Troops doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*, in *October*, A.D. 1780: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Nine Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Noyes* out of the General-Treasury. *J. Noyes* allowed £8 9s.

UPON an Order given by *Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Esq; late D.Q.M.G. in Favour of *Simeon Martin*, late Deputy Waggon-Master, for Rations due to the said *Simeon Martin*, on *Mr. John Gardner*, Assistant Commissary of Issues, the following Report was made, to wit: *Rations allowed S. Martin.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine into the aforementioned Order, do report, that there is due to the said *Simeon Martin* Five Months Rations.

ROBERT STANTON,
ROBERT POTTER,
ISRAEL BOWEN.

Newport, August 24, 1781.

AND

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Solomon Southwick, Esq; Commissary-General of Issues, deliver unto the said *Simeon Martin* One Ration per Day for Five Months.

N. Dana allowed £3 9^s. WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Dana* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Iron-Work for the Gaol in the County of *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Nine Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Dana* out of the General-Treasury.

S. Lyndon allowed £3. WHEREAS *Samuel Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Storage of Twelve large Trunks, and Cases of Books and Papers, belonging to the Clerk's Office of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport*, from the Year 1777 to the Year 1781: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Lyndon* out of the General-Treasury.

Report of the Committee of Persons who did Duty in *August*, 1780, and were omitted. WHEREAS *Charles Keen*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the Pay-Abstract of a Number of Persons who did Duty in *August*, A. D. 1780, in this State, and were omitted in the Pay-Abstracts at that Time, and their Report thereon, *to wit*:

Pay-Abstract of a Number of Persons who did Duty in the Alarm in August, A. D. 1780, on Rhode-Island, and were omitted in the Pay-Abstracts at that Time.

| Names. | Regiments. | Days on Duty. | Amo. of Rations due. | Wages per Day. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|
| <i>George Hiams,</i> | <i>Col. Hoxsie's,</i> | 9 | 4 ^s . | 2 ^s . | £ 1 2 0 |
| <i>John Allen,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 2 0 |
| <i>James Congdon,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 2 0 |
| <i>Henry Saunders,</i> | <i>Col. Maxson's,</i> | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 10 0 |
| <i>Stephen Palmer,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 6 0 |
| <i>Abel Burdick,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 6 0 |
| <i>Joseph Burdick,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 6 0 |
| <i>Asa Eaglestone,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 4 0 |
| <i>William Barber,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 10 0 |
| <i>Asa Eaglestone, jun.</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 14 0 |
| <i>Silas Greenman,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 0 0 |
| <i>Shorey Davis,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
| <i>Augustus Maxson,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
| <i>Thomas Slattery,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 0 0 |
| <i>Ichabod Paddock,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 18 0 |
| <i>Prentice Coon,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 14 0 |
| <i>Ezra Crandal,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 14 0 |
| <i>Francis Fuller,</i> | <i>Col. Kimbal's,</i> | 12 | 0 | 2 | 1 4 0 |
| <i>Jacob Phillips,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 6 0 |
| <i>Thomas Field,</i> | <i>Ditto,</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 6 0 |

Isaac

| Names. | Regiments. | Days on Duty. | Amo. of Rations due. | Wages per Day. | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Isaac Manchester, jun. | Col. Church's, | 9 | 0 | 2 | £ 0 18 0 |
| Daniel Clarke, | Col. Jenckes's, | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 8 0 |
| Jesse Angell, | Col. Atwell's | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 14 0 |
| Jonathan Pike, | Ditto, | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
| John Tucker, | Ditto, | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
| James Gardner, jun. | Col. Dyre's, | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
| Timothy Larkin, | Col. Maxson's, | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 12 0 |
| Henry Jenckes, | Col. Atwell's | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 16 0 |
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| | | | | | £ 19 12 0 |

THE Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of Officers, respecting the Persons who were left out of the Pay-Abstracts, do report the foregoing Sums to be due to each Person, as affixed to their several Names.

CHARLES KEEN,
ARCHIBALD CRARY,
THOMAS RUMREILL.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of the said Abstract, being *Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be paid unto the several Persons mentioned therein out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, William Richmond, and Theodore Foster, W. Ellery* al-Esquires, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of lowed £215 *William Ellery, Esq;* a Delegate in Congress, and their Report thereon, 7 s. 8 d. as follow, *to wit* :

| State of Rhode-Island in Account with William Ellery, | | Dr. |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1779. } July 14. } | To the Services and Expences of myself, Servant and Horses, while attending as a Delegate for the State in Congress, from the 25th of October, A.D. 1778, to this 14th of July, 1779, inclusive, being 263 Days, at 30 s. Silver Money, per Day, | £ 394 10 0 |
| 1780. } June 26. } | To Ditto from November 10, 1779, to this 26th Day of June, 1780, inclusive, being 230 Days, | |
| Sept. 20. | To Ditto from September 10, to September 20, the Time ex- pended on my Journey home, 10 Ditto, | |
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| | | 240 Days, at 30 s. 360 0 0 |
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| 1779, Feb. 12. | By 1755 Dollars, in Paper Currency, received of Mr. Gibson, Auditor-General, in Part of a Warrant drawn on him by the Hon. John Hancock, Esq; in Favour of the Delegates of this State, July 5, 1777, equal by the Scale of Depreciation to | £ 60 13 1 |
| July. | By 7000 Dollars of the Continental Treasurer, in Part of a Warrant in Favour of this State for 300,000 Dollars, equal to | 142 3 9 |
| 1780. Jan. 18. | By 4000 Dollars of Ditto, by a Warrant dated January 1, 1780, equal to | 40 17 9 |
| Feb. | By 1000 Dollars of the General-Treasurer, by Order of Assembly, equal to | 9 0 6 |
| April 1. | By 6000 Dollars of the Continental Treasurer, by Warrant, equal to | 45 0 0 |
| 28. | By 500 Dollars advanced by the General-Treasurer, equal to | 3 12 0 |
| May 5. | By 380 Dollars of Ditto, equal to | 2 9 0 |
| 8. | By 200 Dollars of Ditto, equal to | 1 5 0 |
| 27. | By 4600 Dollars of the Continental Treasurer, on a Warrant issued May 12, 1780, for 15000 Dollars, equal to | 23 0 0 |
| June 10. | By 3400 Dollars received on Ditto, equal to | 15 19 8 |
| 15. | By 7000 Dollars received on Ditto, equal to | 30 18 0 |
| 30. | By 3000 Dollars of the General-Treasurer, in Part of an Order from the Council of War, dated June 1, 1780, for 20,000 Dollars, equal to | 12 18 0 |
| Oct. 2. | By 5183 Dollars of Ditto, on the same Order, equal to | 21 18 0 |
| Nov. 10. | By 11817 Dollars of Ditto, on the same Order, equal to | 48 6 0 |
| | By 20,000 Dollars of the General-Treasurer, by Order of the General Assembly, equal to | 81 1 7 |
| | | £ 539 2 4 |
| Balance due to William Ellery, | | 215 7 8 |
| | | £ 754 10 0 |

WE the Subscribers, having been appointed by the Hon. the General Assembly a Committee to audit the Account of William Ellery, Esq; a Delegate for this State in Congress, beg Leave to report, that we have carefully examined the said Account, and find that the said William Ellery hath received, from Time to Time, in the Paper Currency, *Seventy-five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars*, which is equal to *Five Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Fourpence* Silver Money, as ascertained by the Scale of Depreciation: That, agreeable to the said Account, the said William Ellery served as a Delegate Five Hundred and Three Days, for which he is allowed *Thirty Shillings* Silver Money per Day, agreeable to a Vote of this Assembly, in full Payment for all Services and Expences of himself, Servant, and Horse-Hire:

And

And that there remains a Balance due from this State unto the said William Ellery of Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Eightpence Silver Money.

JOHN JENCKES,
WILLIAM RICHMOND, } Committee.
THEODORE FOSTER,

Newport, August 25, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance found due, of Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Eightpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said William Ellery out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes, Esq; make Enquiry into the Monies paid into the General-Treasury by the Town of Middletown, for their Proportion of Beef assessed upon them; and if any Mistake hath happened, that he rectify the same, and make Report thereof to this Assembly.

J. Jenckes to enquire into Monies paid by Middletown for Beef.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Benjamin Bourne, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. with the Advice and Assistance of Jonathan Arnold, Esq; provide good and suitable Quarters for the French Officers and Surgeons, belonging to the Army, stationed in Providence.

Quarters to be provided for French Officers at Providence.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. Jabez Bowen, Esq; John Cooke, Esq; Mr. Caleb Gardner, Esq; Hopkins, Esq; Mr. Joseph Brown, Joseph Stanton, and Thomas Holden, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to confer with Lieut. Col. Thomas Tillinghast on the best Measures to be taken for the Defence of Rhode-Island; and that they report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to consider the best Measures for defending R. Island.

WHEREAS Esq; Hopkins, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on the Convention at Providence, in April last, as a Member: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Three Pounds Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Esq; Hopkins out of the General-Treasury.

E. Hopkins allowed £ 3.

WHEREAS divers Petitions and Complaints have been exhibited unto this Assembly, by a Number of Persons from the different Parts of this State, setting forth and complaining that they have been returned as Delinquents, for not doing military Duty, when they have been excused by Law, or rendered incapable of serving as Soldiers by Sickness or other providential Causes, whereby they have been classed as Delinquents, and large Sums of Money assessed upon them without Cause: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees appointed to class the male Inhabitants within the several Towns of this State, be and they are hereby fully empowered, authorized and directed, to hear and examine all Complaints which shall be exhibited to them, from the Persons who have been returned and classed as Delinquents; and upon due Examination into the Cases and Circumstances of such complaining Delinquents, if it shall appear to them, or the major Part of such Committee,

As in Addition to the Act respecting Delinquents.

Committee, that the Person so returned as a Delinquent was excused by Law, or rendered incapable of serving as a Soldier, by Sickness or other providential Events, or by any other excusable Cause, that then, and in that Case, the Person or Persons returned as Delinquents as aforesaid shall receive from such Committee a Certificate, certifying that they have examined his or their Case, and that he or they were returned as Delinquents without Cause: And thereupon the said Person or Persons, who shall obtain such Certificates, shall be paid out of the Town-Treasury of such Town, where he or they were classed as Delinquents, all Sums of Money which he or they have paid for Delinquency, when in Fact no such Delinquency happened.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Sale of all Goods or Effects, taken by the Sheriffs or Collectors for Delinquency, be postponed for Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, in order that an Examination into the Matter may be had and made by said Committees; who are hereby required, upon Application being made unto them, forthwith to proceed upon said Business.

Petition of
T. Wickham.

WHEREAS *Thomas Wickham*, of *Newport*, now confined in the Gaol at *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Superior Court, held at *Newport* aforesaid, in *November* last, he was, by a Prosecution had against him by the Attorney-General, sentenced to Six Months Imprisonment, and to pay a Fine of *Five Thousand Silver Dollars*: And that he hath been imprisoned upwards of Nine Months, and is utterly incapable of paying the said Fine: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to remit the said Fine, and restore him to the Privileges of a free-born Subject:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Thomas Wickham's* paying into the Hands of the Attorney-General the Sum of *Five Hundred Silver Dollars*, to and for the Use of this State, and giving Bonds, with Surety, for his good Behaviour during the present War, he be liberated from Gaol, and exonerated from the Fine laid upon him by the Superior Court: And that the said *Thomas Wickham* remain confined in the Gaol at *Newport*, and there be closely kept, until he shall pay the said *Five Hundred Dollars*, with Costs of Court, and give Bonds as aforesaid.

Militia to be
paid out of
the Silver
Money Tax.

WHEREAS Abstracts of the Wages due to the Militia, Senior Class, and chartered or independent Companies, for their Services while under the Command of Col. *Archibald Cray*, in the Months of *June* and *July* last, have been duly examined and certified according to Law, and now laid before this Assembly for Payment: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; Auditor of Accounts, receive the said Abstracts: That he make out Certificates therefrom of the Wages due to each particular Person, and transmit the same to the Town-Treasurers of the Towns to which such Persons respectively belong: That the Town-Treasurers deliver the same to the Persons to whom they are due: That the said Certificates shall and may be received by the Collectors, and General-Treasurer, in Payment of the State Tax now collecting, to be paid on the First Day of *October* next: And that upon an Abstract being returned to the said *Archibald Cray* of those of the Captain-

Captaln-General's Cavaliers, who were upon Duty at the above mentioned Time, and his cerufying the fame to be right, the said *Thomas Rumreill* give Certificates for them, in the fame Manner as for thofe who have been returned in the above mentioned Abstracts.

UPON the Account of *William Channing*, Efq; exhibited unto this Affembly, for a Number of Informations againft the Eftates of the Absentees, and pleading to feveral Indictments, &c. the following Report was made, *to wit* : *W. Channing*
allowed £ 93
25.

WE the Subfcribers, being appointed a Committee to afcertain and fix the Fees which the said *William Channing* ought to receive upon the aforementioned Account; are of Opinion, that he well deferves the Sums affixed to each Article of Bufinefs charged; and that the Sum of *Ninety-three Pounds Two Shillings Silver Money* is due unto the said *William Channing*.

JOHN JENCKES,
ROUSE J. HELME.

August 25, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly confidered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the fame be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Ninety-three Pounds Two Shillings Silver Money* be allowed and paid the said *William Channing* out of the General-Treafury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Lawton*, of *Newport*, represented unto this Affembly, that during the Time the *British* Troops had Poffeffion of *Rhode-Ifland*, and garrifoned the fame, his Sloop was employed as a Cartel Veffel; in order to remove the Families and Effects of divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*: That during the Time she was employed in the Service aforelaid, she was drifted on Shore at *Warwick Neck*, and there remained: That *Robert Carr*, *Curtis Cole*, *Caleb Carr*, and *Benajab Cole*, of *Bristol County*, ftripped said Veffel of her Sails, Rigging, Cables, Hawfer, Anchors and other Effects, and have likewise cut and destroyed the said Veffel for the Iron: And the said *Robert Carr*, *Curtis Cole*, *Caleb Carr*, and *Benajab Cole*, being by Order of this Affembly cited to appear at this Seflion of Affembly, to anfwer for the fame; and they having neglected to appear agreeable to the said Citation, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Welcome Arnold*, *Efek Hopkins*, and *Charles Keen*, Efquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Matter aforelaid: That they be fully empowered, authorized and directed, to call the aforenamed Perfons before them, and to eftimate, adjudge and value, the Damages the said *Robert Lawton* hath received in his said Veffel, and to make Enquiry whether the said Perfons charged are guilty thereof or not; and that they report their Doings to the next Seflion of this Affembly. to enquire
into the Da-
mages fuf-
tained by R.
Lawton in his
Veffel.

WHEREAS the Rev. *Jamés Manning*, Prefident of the College in this State, hath represented unto this Affembly, that a Gentleman within the Enemy's Lines, in the State of *New-York*, hath in his Poffeffion confiderable Property coming unto him, and that to obtain the fame it is neceffary he fhould go within said Lines; and thereupon requested Permiffion accordingly: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, *J. Manning*
permitted to
go within
the Enemy's
Lines.

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That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to his Excellency General *Washington*, recommending to him to permit the said *James Manning* to go within the said Lines, for the Purpose of transacting the aforesaid Business, and obtaining the said Property.

J. Carter allowed £ 21 3^s. WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing Certificates for the Militia, Rate-Bills, and divers Acts of the General Assembly, &c. from *June 1*, to *August 18*, A. D. 1781: Which being examined by the Auditor, and duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Pounds Three Shillings Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *John Carter* out of the General-Treasury.

C. Taber allowed £ 14 1^d. WHEREAS *Constant Taber*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire, Carting, Freight, &c. of the Papers and Records belonging to the said Office, from *Palmer's River* to *Tiverton*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fourteen Pounds and One Penny Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Constant Taber* out of the General-Treasury.

Petition of *J. Greenman*. WHEREAS Mr. *Job Greenman*, of *Newport*, a wounded Soldier, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in *March* last he had due to him One Year's Half-Pay: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order the same to be paid:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Six Pounds Silver Money* be allowed and paid to the said *Job Greenman* out of the General-Treasury, to be accounted for and deducted out of his Wages.

W. Manchester to be cited to account for Monies. WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Judgment obtained by *William Manchester*, of *Coventry*, against *Thomas Manchester*, of *West-Greenwich*, at the Term of the Superior Court held in the County of *Kent*, in *April* last, was for the proper Monies of *Gervas Elam*, late deceased, whose Estate is in Possession of this State. Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Manchester* be cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, to shew Cause, if any he hath, why he should not pay the same into the General-Treasury.

Militia Officers appointed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Officers be appointed to command the Senior Class Company in *North-Kingstown*, to wit: *Samuel Northrup*, Captain (in the Room of *Samuel Philips*, who declined) *Thomas Bissell*, Lieutenant, and *Samuel Thomas*, Ensign: And that the following Officers be appointed to command the Artillery Company in that Town, to wit: *James Boone*, Captain-Lieutenant (in the Room of *Richard Updike*, who declined) and *Benjamin Reynolds*, Lieutenant.

Militia Officers appointed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *David Barton* be appointed Captain, *Ishabod Cole*, Lieutenant, and *Edward Mason*, Ensign, of the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *Warren*.

UPON

Upon the Account of Mr. *Nathan Angell*, for Ground-Rent of *N. Angell* al-Buildings belonging to this State, &c. exhibited unto this Assembly, ^{lowed £ 36} the following Report was made, *to wit*: ^{10s.}

THE Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to adjust the Account of Mr. *Nathan Angell* with this State, having duly examined the same, find a Balance of *Thirty six Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money due to the said *Nathan Angell*: Which we are of Opinion ought to be paid by discounting the same out of his Note of Hand given to the State, when reduced to Silver Money by the Scale of Depreciation. Which is submitted by

WELCOME ARNOLD,
CHARLES KEEN.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Thirty six Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money be deducted out of the Note of Hand which this State hath against the said *Nathan Angell*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *John I. Clark*, *Ezek Hopkins*, and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the several Letters from *Robert Morris*, Esq; Superintendant of Finance; to state a general Account of the Advances made by this State upon Continental Account, and to report upon the said several Letters: That they lay the same before his Excellency the Governor; and that his Excellency be requested to write to the said *Robert Morris* upon the Subject, informing him how far this Assembly hath proceeded with Respect to his Requisition. Committee to answer R. Morris's Letters.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Bours*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year 1762 Messieurs *Naph-tali* and *Isaac Hart*, of said *Newport*, became indebted to Messieurs *Robert* and *Samuel Hibberts*, of *Manchester*, in the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, Merchants, in the Sum of £ 858 9 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling Money of that Kingdom, in Consequence of a Letter of Credit from Messieurs *Willing* and *Morris*, of *Philadelphia*, in *Pennsylvania*, Merchants, by which they became liable for the Payment thereof: That the said *Robert* and *Samuel Hibberts*, after waiting Five Years without receiving any Satisfaction for the said Debt, empowered the said *Willing* and *Morris* to prosecute for the same, who substituted the said *John Bours*: That in Consequence of the said Substitution, he obtained a Deed of a certain Tract of Land, containing about One Hundred Acres, with a Dwelling-House and other Buildings thereon, and One Half of a Lot of One Acre, with One Half of a small Dwelling-House and Distil-House, all lying in the Town of *Tiverton*: And that at the Session of this Assembly held in *March*, A. D. 1777, a Resolve was passed (upon a Misrepresentation of Facts) for taking the said Lands and Buildings into the Possession of, and renting the same for, the Use of this State: And thereupon the said *John Bours* prayed this Assembly, that he may be again put into the Possession of the said Estates; and that the Rents, which have been paid into the General-Treasury, may be refunded to him, to prevent Damage to the said *Willing* and *Morris*: And whereas Certain Estates in *Tiverton* relinquished.

the Committee, who were appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

We the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly a Committee to enquire into the Subject Matter of the Petition of Mr. *John Bours*, beg Leave to report, that Deeds and other Papers have been produced to us, in Support of the material Facts alledged in the said Petition : That we are of Opinion that the Lands and Buildings therein described be delivered into the Possession of the said *John Bours*, as Attorney to, and for the Use of, *Robert Morris*, Esq; That he receive the Rents which have been paid into the General-Treasury, and also those now due, for the said Estates : And that the Lease thereof be assigned to him, that he may receive the future Rents.

WILLIAM CHANNING,
WILLIAM TAGGART,
TIMOTHY WATERHOUSE.

ALL which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said *John Bours* have Possession of the said Estates, and an Assignment of the Lease thereof, for and in Behalf of the said *Robert Morris* : That he also receive out of the General-Treasury all the Rents that have been paid in for the said Estates, after deducting the Repairs for the same : And that *John I. Clark*, Esq; *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; and Mr. *Joseph Brown*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain the Sum that ought to be paid to the said *Robert Morris* for the Rents aforesaid.

Allowance to
W. Borden.

WHEREAS this Assembly did at their last Session order that the Rates, with the Interest, which are due unto *William Borden*, Esq; Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Newport*, from the Estates of Absentees, should be discounted by the General-Treasurer with said *William Borden*, upon his producing the Rate-Bills : And the said *William Borden* having produced the said Rate-Bills, *It is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds Three Shillings* old Continental Currency be paid him out of the General-Treasury, in Gold and Silver, agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation, reckoning the Value thereof at the Time his Receipts bear Date, when he paid the same into the General-Treasury.

Field-Officers of the Senior Class in *King's County* appointed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; be appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *King's County*, in the Room of *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; who declined; and that *George Thurston*, Esq; be appointed Major of the said Regiment.

B. Bourne allowed £ 300.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds* Silver Money, in order to defray the Expences of his Department; and that he account therefor.

Town-Treasurer of *Newport* allowed £ 24.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds* Silver Money be allowed unto the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Newport*,

port, to be deducted out of said Town's Proportion of Taxes, it being the Amount of the Taxes assessed upon the Estates of the Absentees.

WHEREAS Mr. *Bennett Wheeler* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing divers Acts of the General Assembly, &c. from *May 9*, to *August 15*, A.D. 1781: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Bennett Wheeler* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

B. Wheeler
allowed £ 9
17s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings*, in the Continental Bills of the new Emission, be allowed unto the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Newport*, to be deducted out of said Town's Proportion of the Tax for the said Bills; it being the Amount of the Taxes assessed upon the Estates of the Absentees.

Town-Trea-
surer of *New-*
port allowed
£ 6 12s.

WHEREAS it is necessary that Measures should be taken for supplying the Militia, now doing Duty, with Bread, for their Subsistence: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Persons hereafter named, in the several Towns within this State, be and they are hereby ordered to deliver, at the Places herein after named, the Number of Bushels of Corn or Rye set against their several Towns, on or before the Eighth Day of *September* next; and the same Number of Bushels, and at the same Places, on or before the Eighth Day of each of the Months of *October* and *November* next, to wit:

Act for sup-
plying the
Troops with
Bread.

| | Bushels. | | Bushels. |
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| <i>Newport,</i> | 20 | <i>Westerly,</i> | 13 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 7 | <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 20 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 4 | <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 40 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 2 | <i>Charlestown,</i> | 11 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 15 | <i>Richmond,</i> | 9 |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 12 | <i>Exeter,</i> | 13 |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 29 | <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 12 |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 27 | <i>Bristol,</i> | 9 |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 25 | <i>Warren,</i> | 5 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 21 | <i>Barrington,</i> | 4 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 17 | <i>Warwick,</i> | 23 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 12 | <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 11 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 9 | <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 10 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 6 | <i>Coventry,</i> | 14 |
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AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Towns in *King's County* be directed to deliver the Corn or Rye, by them purchased as aforesaid, to Mr. *Thomas Bissell*, or Mr. *Benjamin Davis*, in *North-Kingstown*, or to the Commissary of Issues: That those in the County of *Providence* deliver the Corn or Rye to the Issuing Commissary, at *Providence*; those in the County of *Kent* to Mr. *Christopher Greene*, at his Mills, at *Potowomut*; and those of the County of *Bristol*, of the Towns of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, and of the Towns on the Islands, to the Commissary, at *Newport*.

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IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons appointed to purchase the Corn or Rye take Receipts for the same, on the Delivery thereof: That the Persons appointed to receive the Corn or Rye deliver the same to the Orders of the Issuing Commissary, taking Receipts therefor: And that the said Receipts be produced to the next Session of Assembly, that the Quantity delivered and received may be ascertained.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be and they are hereby appointed to purchase the Corn or Rye for the several Towns, to wit: Newport, Mr. Christopher Ellery. Providence, Mr. James Arnold. Portsmouth, Mr. Thomas Shearman. Warwick, Mr. Charles Holden. Westerly, Mr. Edward Saunders. North Kingstown, Mr. Eber Shearman. South Kingstown, Mr. George Babcock. East-Greenwich, Mr. Gideon Mumford. Jamestown, Mr. John Weeden. Smithfield, Mr. William Waterman. Scituate, Mr. John Williams. Gloucester, Mr. Moses Cooper. Charlestown, Mr. Gideon Hoxsie. West-Greenwich, Mr. George Dyer. Coventry, Mr. Thomas Mathewson. Exeter, Mr. Pardon Tillinghast. Middletown, Mr. Nicholas Easton. Bristol, Mr. Shearjashub Bourne. Tiverton, Mr. John Cooke. Little-Compton, Mr. Philip Taylor. Warren, Mr. John Child. Cumberland, Mr. James Lovett. Richmond, Mr. Robert Stanton. Cranston, Mr. Peter Burlingame. Hopkinton, Mr. Benjamin Maxson. Johnston, Mr. Job Waterman. North-Providence, Mr. Edward Smith. Barrington, Mr. Thomas Allen.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Towns within this State be and they are hereby called upon immediately to advance, to the Persons appointed to purchase the Corn and Rye apportioned to their respective Towns, Money sufficient to enable them to purchase the same.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Persons who shall receive the Money as aforesaid, either deliver the Corn or Rye, or One Silver Dollar, in Lieu of each Bushel of Corn or Rye apportioned as aforesaid, unto the Commissary-General of Issues, on or before the Time limited: And if the Money be delivered, in Lieu of the Corn and Rye, that the said Commissary-General of Issues forthwith purchase Flour with the same, for the Use of the Militia.

W. Davis allowed £ 23 17s. 7d. WHEREAS William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Council of War, upon the Superior Court, and General Assembly, &c. from March to August, A. D. 1781: Upon which the following Report was made, to wit:

THE Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of the said William Davis, do find it right cast, and a Balance due thereon of Twenty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sevenpence Silver Money.

JOSEPH BROWN,
ISRAEL BOWEN,
THOMAS RUMREILL.

AND

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sevenpence* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *William Davis* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the House of Deputies, and for his Attendance in settling the Accounts of the Commissary of Purchases, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Rouse J. Helme* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Three Pounds* Silver Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Peleg Clarke*, for the Use of his House for the Governor and Council to sit in during the present Session.

WHEREAS *John Malbone*, Esq; of *Newport*, hath brought forward an Action of Debt, for *Seventy-seven Guineas*, due for Rent from Monsieur *Laufrey Delisse*, for sundry Stores hired for the Use of the *French Army*; and as Monsieur *Delisse* is an Officer under the Orders of his Excellency Count *de Rochambeau*, the restraining him of his Liberty here might be of public Injury: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* take the said Monsieur *Delisse's* own Bail, and suffer him to be at Liberty: That no Writs be issued against the said Monsieur *Delisse*, or any other Officer in the *French Service*, upon Account of any Rents, &c. owing, where the Commanding Officer disapproves of the Payment: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to write to Congress upon this Subject, to be informed in what Manner the Proprietors of Stores, &c. shall receive Compensation therefor.



An A C T for mitigating of Penalties on Delinquents, heretofore called forth to do military Duty, and for directing Fines to be paid into the General-Treasury, in Lieu of the Town-Treasures.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1781, for raising Twelve Hundred Men, and also an Act passed at *May* Session last, for raising Five Hundred Men, to do military Duty within this State for the Term of One Month, the Men who were called forth by Virtue of said Acts, to do the said Month's Tour of Duty, and refused or neglected to do the same, in Person or by Substitute, were directed to be sent forward to the Continental

Act for mitigating, Penalties on Delinquents.

Continental Army, to do Duty as common Soldiers for the Space of Six Months : And whereas a Number of Persons in this State did neglect to do Duty as aforesaid, Part of whom have not as yet been sent forward as aforesaid : And this Assembly being willing to mitigate the Penalty by the said Acts inflicted,

DO Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That so much of the said Acts as directs Delinquents to be sent forward to the Continental Army, to do Duty for Six Months, be repealed : And that in Lieu thereof each and every such Delinquent, who hath not been sent forward, agreeable to the said Acts, shall pay as a Fine the Sum of *Nine Pounds* Lawful Silver Money, to be collected in the same Manner as other military Fines and Forfeitures are directed by Law to be collected : That when collected, the same be paid into the General Treasury : And that in case any Delinquent as aforesaid shall not have sufficient Estate to pay such Fine, he shall be sent forward to *Newport*, to do Duty as a common Soldier with the Militia of this State, for the Term of Two Months.

AND whereas by an Act of the Council of War, of the Sixteenth of *June* last, and an Act of this Assembly, passed at *July* Session last, for raising Five Hundred Men, to do Duty within this State for One Month, and also by another Act of the Council of War, of the First of *August* inst. for raising the same Number of Men, for the same Time, the Fines for Delinquency are directed to be paid into the Treasuries of the Towns to which the Delinquents respectively belong ; and it is expedient that such Fines be paid into the General-Treasury :

IT is therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of the said Acts as directs the said Fines to be paid into the Town-Treasuries, be repealed : And that in Lieu thereof all Fines, collected from Delinquents by Virtue of the said Acts, by the Persons appointed to collect the same, be paid into the General-Treasury ; excepting in Cases where the Town-Council of the Town where such Delinquent belongs hath hired and sent forward a Man to do Duty, in the Room of such Delinquent.



Report upon
the Account
of the Com-
mittee for
procuring
Tents.

UPON the Account of *John Jenckes*, and *Welcome Arnold*, Esquires, for Duck, Twine, and Sailmakers Bills, &c. for Tents supplied the Continental Army, the Auditor made the following Report, *to wit* :

EXAMINED the said Account of *John Jenckes*, and *Welcome Arnold*, Esquires, compared the Vouchers with the Charges, find them agree, and the Account right cast ; and that there is a Balance due thereon, to the State, of *Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money.

THOMAS RUMREILL, Auditor.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Balance of

of *Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, due to the State, be paid by the said *John Jenckes* and *Welcome Arnold* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *John Cooke*, Esq; Mr. *Joseph Brown*, *Thomas Holden*, Esq; and *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* : Report concerning the Defence of R. Island.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to point out the best Measures for the Defence of *Rhode-Island*, do report, that it is necessary to have Five Platforms laid down at the Fort at *Easton's Point*: That there be immediately removed from *Butts's Hill* Five Eighteen-Pound Cannon, with their Carriages, Ammunition and Apparatus, belonging to the same: And that there be a Company, under the Command of a Captain, stationed in or near the said Fort, where a constant and vigilant Guard is to be kept.

WE do further recommend, that Two Field-Pieces be kept in the Fort at *Brenton's Point*, with proper Ammunition; and a Subaltern's Guard, composed of Persons that understand the Use of Cannon, always to be on the Ground. These, being supported by the Garrison of *Butts's Hill*, and occasional Succours from the main Land, we doubt not will be able to repel any Attack that may be made on *Rhode-Island* in the present Situation of the Enemy.

WE also recommend, that the whole Militia of the State be kept in Readiness to march on the shortest Notice; and that a Conductor of military Stores be appointed to take Charge of all the military Stores on *Rhode Island*, and at *Bristol* and *Tiverton*. All which is submitted by your Honors most obedient humble Servants,

JABEZ BOWEN,
JOHN COOKE,
JOSEPH BROWN,
THOMAS HOLDEN,
THOMAS TILLINGHAST.

Newport, August 25, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Quarter Master immediately hire a sufficient Number of Teams, to remove Five Eighteen-Pound Cannon, with their Carriages, necessary Ammunition and Apparatus, from *Butts's Hill*, to be placed in the Fort at *Easton's Point*, agreeable to the Report of the Committee appointed to advise the best Measures for the Defence of *Rhode-Island*; and that in case he cannot hire, he impress the same. Cannon to be brought from *Butts's Hill*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Robert Crooke*, Esq; the Deputy to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. be and he is hereby directed to remove the Militia from the private Houses, in which they are now quartered in the Town of *Newport*, to the Barracks and public Buildings. Militia to be removed from private Buildings in *Newport*.

C. Ellery to take Care of the Buildings erected by the French in *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to take Care of all the Buildings, of every Kind, which have been built by the French Army or Navy, in the Town of *Newport*: That if any Person shall attempt to pull down or remove any of the said Buildings, he have full Power to prevent the same; and that the Commanding Officer at *Rhode-Island* afford him the necessary Assistance for that Purpose.

The Governor to write to General *Washington*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to his Excellency General *Washington*, informing him of the salted Provisions and Rum being sent forward, agreeable to his Requisition; and that he also inform him of the monthly Supplies ordered, and how they are to be disposed of.

T. Rumreill allowed £ 7 10 s. WHEREAS *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance at *June*, and the present Session, as Auditor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Rumreill* out of the General-Treasury.

T. Rumreill allowed £ 29 1 s. 6 d. WHEREAS *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly a Pay-Abstract of his Wages and Subsistence, for his Services as Secretary and Muster-Master of the Post on *Rhode-Island*, from *June 5*, to *July 14*, A. D. 1781: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-nine Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Rumreill* out of the General-Treasury.

T. Melvill allowed £ 3 18 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Melvill* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Inferior Court in *May* last, at *Newport*, and upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Melvill* out of the General-Treasury.

O. Jenckes allowed £ 1 15 s. WHEREAS Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Hire of a Horse, and his Expences from *Providence* to *Newport*, to carry Letters to the General Assembly: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Fifteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury.

L. Clarke allowed £ 3 18 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Latbam Clarke* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Inferior Court in *May* last, at *Newport*, and upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Latbam Clarke* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton, Jonathan J. Hazard, and Gideon Hoxsie, J. Stanton,* Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged *J. J. Hazard, and G. Hoxsie, al-* against the State, for their Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in viewing *lowed £ 4* and appraising Lands to *William Hopkins,* by Order of this Assembly: *lowed £ 4* Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the *10 s.* Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Stanton, Jonathan J. Hazard, and Gideon Hoxsie,* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jeremiah Olney, Esq;* be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of this State's Battalion of Continental *Officers appointed in* Troops; *Coggeshall Olney, Esq;* First Major; *John S. Dexter, Esq;* the Continental *Second Major; Daniel S. Dexter, Captain; Dutee Jerauld, Captain;* Battalion of this *Jeremiah Greenman, Lieutenant; and William Pratt, Lieutenant,* of State. *of the same Battalion:* That they take Rank from the 14th of *May* last: That *Reuben Johnson* be Ensign of the same Battalion, to take Rank from his Appointment: And that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolution to the said *Jeremiah Olney.*

WHEREAS Capt. *Thomas Arnold* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Money he paid divers *T. Arnold allowed £ 10* Persons, when he was sick with the Wound he received at the Battle *17 s.* of *Monmouth,* in the Year 1778: Upon which the following Report was made, *to wit:*

We the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the said Account, find it just; and that the Amount thereof, being *Fifty-one Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence,* in old Continental Currency, is due to the said *Thomas Arnold,* which Sum, reduced to Silver Money by the Scale of Depreciation, is *Ten Pounds Seventeen Shillings.*

CHARLES KEEN,
NICHOLAS EASTON.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Arnold* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Dr. *Isaac Senter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, *I. Senter al-* by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Sick of *lowed £ 12* Two Regiments of Militia, doing Duty on *Rhode-Island* in *March* last, *18 s.* and upon Two Prisoners of War: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Isaac Senter* out of the General-Treasury.

An A C T for proportioning the Supplies of Beef
to the several Towns in this State, for the Support
of the Army, for the Months of *October* and
November next.

Apportion-
ment of Beef
to the sever-
al Towns.

WHEREAS it is absolutely necessary, for the Support of the Army, that regular and due Supplies of fresh Beef for their Use be furnished, agreeable to the Requisition of the Most Honorable the Continental Congress: And as his Excellency General *Washington* hath, in the most pressing Manner, requested that the Supplies required of this State be regularly and monthly furnished: And whereas the Supplies of fresh Beef, for the Months of *October* and *November*, can be procured in the easiest and best Manner by apportioning the same to the respective Towns in this State:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Towns herein after named shall, on the Fifteenth Day of October next, procure and deliver, at the Dwelling-House of Mr. Israel Bowen, in Coventry, the Quantity of good merchantable Beef respectively affixed unto them, or in Lieu thereof the Sums of Money herein ordered, to be paid in Gold or Silver, on the respective Days aforesaid at the said Israel Bowen's, unto William Rhodes, Esq; who is hereby appointed to receive the Beef, when the same shall be appraised as herein after mentioned, or in Lieu of the Beef the Monies raised by the respective Towns, and give his Receipt therefor, to wit:

| | lbs. Beef. | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----|---|----|------|
| <i>Providence.</i> | 4314 | or | £ | 86 | 5 8 |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 4013 | | | 80 | 5 2 |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 3672 | | | 73 | 8 10 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 3170 | | | 63 | 8 0 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 1823 | | | 36 | 9 3 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 2475 | | | 49 | 10 0 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 1288 | | | 25 | 15 3 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 920 | | | 18 | 8 0 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 1946 | | | 38 | 18 5 |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 1631 | | | 32 | 12 5 |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 1412 | | | 28 | 4 9 |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 2064 | | | 41 | 5 7 |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 1804 | | | 36 | 1 7 |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 3533 | | | 70 | 13 1 |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 1597 | | | 31 | 18 9 |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 1471 | | | 29 | 8 5 |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 2007 | | | 40 | 2 9 |

AND as it is necessary that fresh Beef should be furnished for the Militia doing Duty upon *Rhode-Island*, It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following Towns be and they are hereby required to procure and deliver at *Newport*, on *Rhode-Island*, to Col. *John Topham*, at such Times as he shall call for the same, the Quantity of good merchantable Beef, or Sums of Money respectively affixed to them, to wit:

lbs.

| | lbs. Beef. | | | | |
|------------------|------------|----|---|-----|-------|
| Newport, | 3070 | or | £ | 61 | 8 0 |
| Portsmouth, | 1023 | | | 20 | 9 2 |
| Middletown, | 662 | | | 13 | 4 10 |
| Jamestown, | 341 | | | 6 | 16 5 |
| Tiverton, | 2217 | | | 44 | 6 9 |
| Little-Compton, | 1792 | | | 35 | 16 10 |
| North-Kingstown, | 2982 | | | 59 | 12 10 |
| South-Kingstown, | 6065 | | | 121 | 6 0 |
| Bristol, | 1309 | | | 26 | 3 7 |
| Warren, | 783 | | | 15 | 13 2 |
| Barrington, | 616 | | | 12 | 6 5 |

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Money shall be delivered the said *John Topham*, in Lieu of Beef, he shall therewith purchase Beef, for the Use of the said Militia, on the best Terms he can, keeping an exact Account thereof: That Mr. *John Demount* be and he is hereby appointed to appraise the Weight of the said Beef to be delivered at *Coventry*, to judge of the Quality thereof, and to reject such as he shall think unfit for the Use of the Troops: That the said *William Rhodes* shall forthwith, upon receiving the Beef aforesaid, drive the same to the grand Army, and deliver it to the Commissary-General, or his Order, taking his Receipt for the same: That in case any or all the Towns aforesaid shall pay on the Days affixed by this Act Money in Lieu of Beef, then the said *William Rhodes* be and he is hereby directed to receive the Monies aforesaid, and to purchase therewith, upon the best Terms he can, Beef to the Amount of the whole Sum he shall receive, for the Use of the grand Army, keeping an exact Account of the Cost of the Beef, and of the Expenditure of the Money: And that in case any Town shall for the First Month supply more than the Quantity required of it, such Town shall have Credit for the Surplusage in the Supply for the Second Month.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any or either of the Towns aforesaid shall neglect to procure and deliver the said Beef, or in Lieu thereof the said Money, to the said *William Rhodes*, at the Times and Place aforesaid, the said *William Rhodes* be and he is hereby empowered and directed to certify unto the Sheriff of the County in which such delinquent Town lies, that such Town hath not delivered the Beef or Money herein assessed thereon; whereupon the Sheriff of such County shall be and hereby is empowered and directed forthwith, upon Receipt of such Certificate, to repair with sufficient Aid into such delinquent Town, and there to seize and distrain double the Quantity of Beeves, or Neat Cattle, as will make the Weight assessed upon such Town, and have the Quantity assessed upon such Town delivered at the Place or Places by this Act required, on the Days aforesaid: That those delivered at *Coventry* be appraised by the said *John Demount*: That the said Sheriff shall sell the remaining Part at public Vendue, and, after deducting the Expences that shall accrue, shall pay the Monies arising from the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury: And that the said Sheriff, when he shall so make Seizure and Distrain, shall take an Account of the Numbers, and natural and artificial Marks, of the Beeves or Neat Cattle taken, and within One Week thereafter

lodge a Copy thereof in the Town-Clerk's Office of the Town where the Distrainment shall be made, that the Owner or Owners may have satisfactory Payment from such delinquent Town at large.

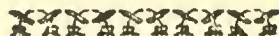
AND whereas it will be just and equitable, in case any Town shall be so lost to a Sense of Duty, and Regard for the public Welfare, as not to make sufficient Provision for furnishing the said Beef, or Money in Lieu thereof, and by such Neglect shall cause any of their Inhabitants to have their Cattle distrained, that such Inhabitants should have full Compensation for all Damages sustained thereby from the other Inhabitants of such delinquent Town :

IT is therefore further Enacted, That any Person who shall have any of his Cattle distrained from him, in Pursuance of this Act, by the Sheriff as aforesaid, shall be intitled to have and recover, against the Town to which he belongs, the full Value of all the Cattle taken from him as aforesaid, together with all lawful Costs, and such other Damages as shall be deemed just and reasonable by the Court before which the same shall be recovered : That the same be sued for and recovered by an Action to be commenced against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, at a Special Court, to be called in the same Manner as Special Courts are now by Law directed to be called : And that on Judgment being recovered, Execution shall issue against such Town Treasurer, and be returnable within Fifteen Days from the Time of issuing the same.

AND it is further Enacted, That the said *William Rhodes* give Bond to the General Treasurer in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Silver Money, with Two Sureties, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in him.

AND whereas the Town of *Scituate* hath, at the present Session, been divided into Two Towns : *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Two Towns procure in their respective Towns their respective Proportions of the said Beef, or Money, in this Act assigned to the said Town of *Scituate*, in Proportion to the Amount of the Sums of the last State Tax assessed on the said Town of *Scituate*.

AND the Secretary is hereby directed to transmit printed Copies of this Act, as soon as may be, to each of the Town-Clerks in this State, who on Receipt thereof are hereby empowered and directed immediately to issue Warrants, calling Town-Meetings in their respective Towns, in order that the Freemen may take such Measures as shall be necessary for carrying this Act into Execution.



An A C T for incorporating and bringing into the Field Five Hundred able-bodied effective Men, of the Militia, to serve within this State for One Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, and for no longer Term, and not to be marched out of the same.

WHEREAS it is absolutely and indispensably necessary, for the Safety and internal Security of the State, that Part of the Militia thereof should be forthwith embodied, and marched to *Newport*, in order that the Safety and Security thereof, and of this State, may be duly attended to:

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litia.

B E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Five Hundred able-bodied effective Men, of the Independent, Artillery, Senior and Junior Classes of Militia (Officers included) who have not already done their Tours of Duty, be forthwith embodied, and rendezvous at Newport, by the 8th Day of September next, to do Duty there for One Month, from the Time of their arriving at the said Rendezvous, unless sooner discharged by his Excellency the Governor, or this General Assembly.

AND in order that each Town should furnish their proper Proportion of Men for the said Service, *It is further Enacted, That the Towns herein after named shall forthwith furnish the Number of Men set against each respective Town, to serve as Officers and Privates for the Time aforesaid: That is to say,*

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| <i>Newport,</i> | 26 | <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 24 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 7 | <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 37 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 3 | <i>Charlestown,</i> | 14 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 5 | <i>Richmond,</i> | 13 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 19 | <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 17 |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 15 | <i>Exeter,</i> | 20 |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 34 | <i>Bristol,</i> | 11 |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 30 | <i>Warren,</i> | 8 |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 34 | <i>Barrington,</i> | 6 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 30 | <i>Warwick,</i> | 25 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 16 | <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 15 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 19 | <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 16 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 11 | <i>Coventry,</i> | 19 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 8 | | |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 18 | | 500 |

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Men aforesaid shall be formed into One Battalion, and divided into Seven Companies, to be led by One Lieutenant-Colonel, One Major, Seven Captains, Seven Lieutenants, and Seven Ensigns, to be taken from the Line of the Militia.

AND

August, 1781.

AND it is further Enacted, That there shall be One Adjutant, and One Quarter-Master, for the said Battalion, to be taken from the Line : And that each Company of the said Battalion shall have Four Serjeants, and Four Corporals, with One Drum and One Fife.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Colonels or Commanders of each Regiment within this State shall forthwith issue their Warrants to the Captains of each Company under their Command, setting forth the Number of the said able-bodied effective Men which such Company is required to furnish, and to command such Captain or Officer, if the said Number of Men shall not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforesaid, forthwith to draft or detach the Men for the Service aforesaid, and cause them to be marched to the Place of Rendezvous appointed therefor. Provided, that the Persons who have turned out and done Duty, since February Session last, be exempt from being detached or drafted in Pursuance of this Act.

AND it is further Enacted, That where any Independent Company of Cavalry, Artillery or Infantry, shall be in any Town or Towns, the Colonel or Commander of the Regiment, within whose District such Independent Company shall be, and the Commander of such Independent Corps, shall settle and fix the Number to be raised out of such Corps, in the same Proportion as they are to be taken from the Militia at large in such Town, according to the Number in their Corps, and to be accounted to the Town to which they respectively belong.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Colonels or Commanders of Regiments shall proportion the Men which each Company shall raise, according to the Numbers of Men which the Company shall consist of, in Proportion to the whole Number to be raised by the Town to which such Companies shall respectively belong.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commanders of each respective Company of Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, within this State, shall forthwith call their respective Companies together; and in case the Number of able-bodied effective Men, which such Company is required to raise, will not voluntarily turn out to do Duty as aforesaid, that then such Commander shall draft or detach such Number of Men as will make up their Quota.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon arranging the said Battalion, the Men belonging to the Independent Companies and Senior Classes shall be embodied in Companies together, if it shall not be detrimental to the Service, or tend to deranging the Battalion.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committees appointed to class the Inhabitants of the Islands of Rhode-Island and Jamestown, agreeable to an Act passed at November Session last, be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to draft or detach from the Inhabitants of their respective Towns the Number of Men before assigned to the said Towns, unless they shall voluntarily turn out : And that they make a Return thereof to Lieut. Col. Lemuel Bailey, who is hereby

hereby appointed to the Command of the said Regiment, and who is directed to cause the Men so detached to appear at the Place of Rendezvous within the Time aforesaid, and perform the Duties required of them by this Act.

AND be it further Enacted, That it shall be the Duty of the Brigadier-Generals, Field and other Militia Officers, within this State, and they are hereby required, to cause the Men, who shall be drafted or detached in Pursuance of this Act, to appear at the Place of Rendezvous before appointed, within the Time aforesaid. and to perform the Duties required of them by this Act

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons who shall do Duty, upon the present Tour of military Duty, shall be excused from doing any further military Duty, until the remaining Part of the military Force within this State shall have done an equal Proportion of military Service, unless in case of a general Alarm; or Invasion of this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid military Force shall not be marched or carried out of this State. And upon the End and Expiration of their serving within this State One Month, from the Time of their Rendezvous, if it shall appear necessary then to maintain a Militia military Force within this State, they shall be relieved by other military Force, to be drawn out of the respective Corps, in the same Manner as this Act directs the present military Force to be embodied.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Brigadier-Generals, and Commanders of Regiments and Companies, hold the Remainder of the military Force (after embodying the Men herein directed to be forthwith raised) to be in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning

AND be it further Enacted, That the Men who shall be detached, and do Duty in Pursuance of this Act as Soldiers, be allowed at and after the Rate of *Sixty Shillings* Lawful Money, in Gold or Silver, per Month, and One Ration per Day: That the commissioned Officers be allowed the same Pay and Rations as Officers of the same Rank receive in the Continental Service; and the Serjeants *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* of the like Money per Month, and the Corporals and Music *Three Pounds Six Shillings*; and that the said Pay commence from the Day they shall march out of their respective Towns, and continue until their Dismission from said Service.

AND be it further Enacted, That each of the said non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers furnish himself with a good Fire-Arm, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Knapsack and Blanket: And if he shall not be of sufficient Ability, or shall otherwise neglect to do it. the Town-Council of the Town to which he belongs is directed to furnish him with a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box, Blanket and Knapsack, at the Expence of such Town, and receive therefor, out of the Wages of such delinquent Person, if of sufficient Ability to furnish himself as aforesaid,

Twelve Shillings in Gold or Silver, which is to be deducted from the Wages of such delinquent Person; the Persons receiving the said Accoutrements to return them, or account therefor with the Town-Council who shall furnish the same.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the Town-Councils be empowered, if necessary, to impress Guns, Bayonets, Cartouch-Boxes, Knapsacks and Blankets, sufficient for equipping the Delinquents who shall be detached in Pursuance of this Act, giving Certificates therefor to the Persons from whom the same shall be taken.

A N D be it further Enacted, That each Person who shall be detached as aforesaid, or shall voluntarily enter into the said Battalion, furnish himself with Three Days Provisions; and that he be allowed for the same *Two Shillings* per Day, in real Money.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person belonging to the military Force of this State shall absent himself, in order to elude or evade this Act, or shall refuse to march forward upon being detached, by himself or Substitute, he shall pay the Sum of *Nine Pounds* Lawful Silver Money per Month, as a Fine, to be collected and appropriated in the same Manner as the Fines are ordered to be made Use of in an Act of this Assembly, passed at the present Session.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the following other Officers be and they are hereby chosen and appointed to command the Men ordered to be raised by this Act, *to wit* :

Richard Bailey, Esq; Major; *Paris Gardner*, *Philip Traffan*, *Viol Allen*, *Beriah Lewis*, *James Wheaton*, *Peter Lewis*, and *Asa Bennett*, Captains; *Seth Thomas*, *Joseph James*, *Arnold Bliven*, *James Wells*, *Sylvanus Maxson*, *Thomas Bissell*, and *George Colvin*, Lieutenants; *William Blijs*, *Robert Edmonds*, *Eli Read*, *Benjamin Brown*, jun. *Arnold Fenner*, *Elisha Potter*, and *Noah Ballou*, jun. Ensigns.

PROVIDED, that this Act do not extend unto the Independent Companies of the Artillery of *Providence*, *Pawtuxet* Rangers, *Kentish* Guards, and *Kingstown* Reds; they having already done a Tour of Duty since the Militia at large.

A N D be it further Enacted, That the Field-Officers of the said Battalion be and they are hereby appointed and empowered to fill up any Vacancies, which now are or shall hereafter happen in the Battalion aforesaid.



Officers appointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ichabod Paddock* be and he is hereby appointed Captain, *Caleb Church* Lieutenant, and *Amos Stilman* Ensign, of the Fourth Company of Militia in the Town of *Hopkinton*.

E. Adams appointed Captain of Artillery.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ebenezer Adams* be and he is hereby appointed a Captain of the Artillery Company in the Town of *Charlestown*, in the Room of *Robert Burdick*, who declines.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS this Assembly did heretofore order, that the Assistants of this State should receive out of the General-Treasury *One Hundred Dollars*, old Continental Currency, for each and every Day they should attend upon the Business of the General Assembly: And whereas the said old Continental Currency is now entirely out of Circulation, and it is highly reasonable that the Allowance aforesaid should be paid in passable Money, according to the Value thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Assistants be paid out of the General-Treasury, in Gold or Silver, the Value of the said *One Hundred Dollars*, old Continental Currency, agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation, as passed by this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Council of War be and they are hereby directed, to call before them the several Brigadier-Generals who have neglected to comply with the Acts of this Assembly, or the said Council of War, in Respect to the appointing Officers to command the Troops ordered out to do Duty for the present Month, or making Returns of the Officers so appointed, agreeable to a Resolve of the Council of War: That they also call before them the Officers who have been appointed, and neglected to join the Regiment on *Rhode-Island*: That they make Enquiry into the Reason of the Deficiencies: And if it shall appear to the said Council of War, that either of the aforesaid Officers have wilfully neglected their Duty, that then the said Council of War have full Power to suspend such Officers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That no Provisions be issued from the Commissary's Stores in *Providence*; but that all Issues be made, and Rations drawn, from the Stores in *Newport*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Assembly, which by Law is to convene at the State-House in *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *King's County*, on the last *Wednesday* in *October* next, meet at the said State-House on the last *Monday* in the same Month: Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send printed Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly stand adjourned until the last *Saturday* in *October* next, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Lacey

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Sixth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

Jabez Bowen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN I. CLARK, Esq;

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

DANIEL MANTON, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

SYLVESTER GARDNER, Esq;

ENOCH HAZARD, Esq;

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

DANIEL OWEN, Esq;

Assistants.

JAMES HELME, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:

William Channing, *Esq*;
 William Taggart, *Esq*;
 Job Easton, *Esq*;
 Timothy Waterhouse, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jeremiah Clarke.

PROVIDENCE:

Welcome Arnold, *Esq*;
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Theodore Foster, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. William Anthony.

WARWICK:

Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Adam Comstock, *Esq*;

WESTERLY:

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Edward Bliven, *Esq*;

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

William Hammond, *Esq*;
 Mr. Nathan Brown.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Mr. Samuel J. Potter,
 Rouse J. Helme, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH:

Archibald Crary, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN:

Mr. John Weeden.

SMITHFIELD:

Stephen Arnold, *Esq*;

SCITUATE:

William Rhodes, *Esq*;
 Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER:

Mr. Simon Smith,
 Mr. Elijah Hawkins.

CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH:

Thomas Gorton, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jonathan Comstock.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Israel Bowen,
 Stephen Potter, *Esq*;

EXETER:

Mr. Pardon Tillinghast,
 Mr. Nicholas Gardner, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN:

George Irish, *Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver Durfee.

BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq*;

TIVERTON:

Mr. Benjamin Howland.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

William Richmond, *Esq*;
 Isaac Bailey, *Esq*;

WARREN:

None.

CUMBERLAND:

Peter Darling, *Esq*;
 Mr. William Sheldon.

RICHMOND:

Robert Stanton, *Esq*;

CRANSTON:

Mr. Richard Sayles.

HOPKINTON:

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 George Thurston, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON:

Mr. Nehemiah Sheldon.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 John Jenckes, *Esq*;

BARRINGTON:

Mr. Thomas Allen.

FOSTER:

None.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq, was chosen Speaker; and

ROUSE J. HELME, Esq, Clerk of the Lower House.

I*t is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Ethan Clarke* be and he is hereby *E. Clarke* permitted to go upon *Block-Island*, to collect Money that is due un- permitted to
to him there, and to bring the same off in Specie; and that the same go to *Block-*
be done under the Direction and Inspection of *William Taggart*, Esq; *Island.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Michael Bryon*, now of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, Petition of
and represented unto this Assembly, that he hath sailed out of *Philadel-* M. Bryon
phia for Nine Years past, and hath been Five Times imprisoned by the granted.
Enemies of the United States: That about Five Weeks ago he was a
Prisoner in *New-York*, on board the Prison-Ship, where great Mortality
prevailed, and fearing the Consequences thereof, did enter on board a
small Privateer, intending to make his Escape by the first Opportunity:
That soon after, he and *Peter Loney* made their Escape in a small Boat,
taken by the Privateer, which was laden with Three Barrels of Rum,
Four Barrels of Cider, Four Boxes of Candles, and One Sea Compass,
and was brought by them into the Harbour of *Newport*; and there-
upon he prayed this Assembly to order and direct that the aforesaid
Boat and Goods, which are now in the Commissary's Possession in *New-*
port, by Order of Lieut. Col. *Christopher Olney*, may be delivered unto
him and the said *Peter Loney*:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*,
That the said Petition be and hereby is granted: And that the Com-
missary deliver the said Boat and Appurtenances, with the Goods, unto
the said *Michael Bryon* and *Peter Loney*, to be by them disposed of for
their own Use.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Peter Burlingame* the Third, *Job Manchester*, and *William Field*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, Report of the
to wit: Committee
for running
the Line be-
tween *Scitu-*
ate and *Fos-*
ter.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, by the Honora-
ble the General Assembly, at *August* Session, A. D. 1781, to accurately
measure the dividing Line between the Towns of *Coventry* and *Scituate*,
and fix and establish a Boundary in the Middle thereof, and from thence
to run North parallel with the Seven Mile Line, until it comes to the
dividing Line between *Scituate* and *Gloucester*, in order to divide the
Town of *Scituate* into two distinct Towns, do report, that in Obedience
thereto we have proceeded upon the said Business, and do conclude
and agree upon, as the Boundary in the Middle of the Line between
the Towns of *Coventry* and *Scituate*, at the Southwesterly-Corner of the
present Town of *Scituate*, and at the Southeasterly Corner of the Town
of *Foster*, a Rock split in two Parts, with a Heap of Stones on it, which
is about Sixteen Poles East upon the abovesaid Line from the North-
west Corner of *Ephraim Westcot's* homestead Farm in *Coventry*, and
bears North Fourteen Degrees West from the Middle of the Chimney
of the said *Ephraim Westcot's* small Dwelling-House about Twenty-five
Poles, which we establish as a Boundary between the Towns of *Scituate*
and *Foster*, and from thence to run Northerly parallel with the Seven
Mile Line: And that we have made several Monuments in the said
Line, until it comes to the dividing Line so called, between *Scituate*
and *Gloucester*, to a Pole and some Stones round it in a Piece of Ground
called the Brush-Meadow, of the following Dimensions, to wit:

THE

October, 1781.

THE whole Extent is Five Inches and Six-Tenths long, and is Four Rods and Twenty Links East on *Gloucester* Line, from a small sharpish Rock at the Point of the Upland, which we also establish as a Boundary between the Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*.

Witness our Hands this Eighteenth of September, A. D. 1781.

PETER BURLINGAME the Third,
JOB MANCHESTER,
WILLIAM FIELD, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

J. Henderson
allowed £9.

WHEREAS *Joseph Henderson*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Suffolk*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against this State, for his Time, Expences and Horse-Hire, in conveying *Stephen Franklin*, a State Prisoner, from *Boston* to *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Henderson* out of the General-Treasury.

Artillery
Officers in
Providence.

AT a Meeting of the Members of the United Company of the Train of Artillery, in the Town of *Providence*, on September 21, 1781, the following Gentlemen were chosen Officers in said Company, as appears by a Return laid before the Governor and Council, *to wit*:

Daniel Tillinghast, Esq; Colonel, *Levi Hall*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, *Robert Taylor*, Esq; Major, *Gershom Jones*, Captain, *John Mumford*, Lieutenant.

WHICH being duly considered, the said Choice is hereby approved of by the Council.

O. Fowler's
Petition
granted.

WHEREAS *Oliver Fowler* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was born at *Jamestown*, and when about Twelve Years of Age was bound an Apprentice to *John Wyatt*, of *New-York*, where he continued, endeavouring to get a Subsistence by his Labour, until about Seven Weeks ago, when being destitute of Money and Friends, he entered on board a small Privateer fitted out from *New-York*, which was taken, and he brought into this State, where he now is a Prisoner upon Parole: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to release him from his Parole, and permit him to become a Subject of the United States, by taking the necessary Oaths:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted.

Officers ap-
pointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Isaac Barker* be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Keene* Ensign, of the Third Company of Militia in the Town of *Providence*; and that Mr. *John Mawney* be appointed Surgeon, and ——— *Thayer* Surgeon's Mate, of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Samuel Dyre*, Esq; of *Newport*, now confined in the Gaol of said County, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Superior Court, &c. held at *Newport*, in *November* last, he was, upon a Prosecution brought forward by the State's Attorney, fined the Sum of *Seven Thousand Silver Dollars*, and sentenced to suffer Six Months Imprisonment: That he hath already endured upwards of Eleven Months Confinement, in which Time he has been obliged to expend a very considerable Sum for the Support of his Family, and been deprived of the Means of acquiring a Subsistence by his Industry: And that his Circumstances are much embarrassed, and he is not capable of discharging his Debts; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to remit the Fine aforesaid, and restore him to the Privileges of a Citizen: S. Dyre's Petition.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Samuel Dyre's* paying into the General-Treasury the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Silver Dollars*, and paying all Colts of Prosecution and Conviction upon the Information against him, and giving Bonds, with two sufficient Sureties, for his good Behaviour during the present War, he be liberated from the Prison where he is now confined at the Suit of this State; and that he be thereupon discharged from the Fine laid upon him by the Superior Court.

WHEREAS *Mrs. Amy Goldthwait*, Wife of *Samuel Goldthwait*, late of *Newport*, Merchant, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband is now in *New-York*, and hath requested her, with the Family, to come to him, as he cannot be permitted to return here; and thereupon she prayed this Assembly to permit her, with her Family, Furniture and Effects, to go to her said Husband at *New York*, by the first Opportunity she may procure: Petition of A. Goldthwait granted.

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is so far granted, that the said *Amy Goldthwait*, with her household Furniture, be permitted to go to *New-York* in a cartel Vessel, under the Directions of *William Taggart*, Esq;

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Holden*, and *Archibald Crary*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire what Cannon have been taken from *Mr. Oliver R. Warner*, and how many belonging to him are in the Possession of this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, or to the Council of War. Committee to enquire concerning O. R. Warner's Cannon.

WHEREAS *Mrs. Sarah Wanton*, Widow of the late *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband's Brother, *William Wanton*, now residing in *New-York*, hath informed her by Letter, that he would send her by a Flag of Truce, when one presented for *Newport*, some small trifling Articles of Cloathing and Necessaries for the Use of herself and Child; and thereupon she prayed this Assembly to grant her Permission to receive the same, if the said Articles should be lent to her, under the Inspection of a proper Person appointed for that Purpose: S. Wanton's Petition.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Sarah Wanton* be and she is hereby permitted to receive B from

from her Friends in *New-York* any Presents that shall be sent in Specie, but no Articles of Goods whatever.

Petition of
E. Hull
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Hull*, of *South Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he hath a large landed Estate on *Block-Island*, and prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to go on the said Island and collect his Rents, and bring from thence some Articles of Provision for the Use of his Family:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Edward Hull* be and he is hereby permitted to go upon *Block-Island* and collect his Rents, and bring off the Produce of the said Island, under the Direction and Inspection of *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq;

E. Perry al-
lowed £ 2
17s. 7d.

WHEREAS *Edward Perry*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. for the County of *King's County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Fees upon two Informations filed in Behalf of the State against the Estates of *Samuel Sewal* and *Gervas Elam*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sevenpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Edward Perry* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Carter al-
lowed £ 10
10s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing divers Acts of the General Assembly, &c. from *August 28*, to *October 2*, 1781: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Carter* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Barker
allowed £ 7
6s. 9d.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Barker* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Horse-Hire and Expences in carrying Resolves of the Assembly and Council of War to divers Towns in the State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Ninepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Barker* out of the General-Treasury.

R. Sephton
allowed £ 6.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Richard Sephton*, a Soldier in the late Col. *Greene's* Regiment, who has lost his left Arm, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Six Pounds* Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, in Part of his Wages.

R. Sephton to
receive a Suit
of Cloaths

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Archibald Cray*, Esq; deliver unto *Richard Sephton*, a Soldier in the late Col. *Greene's* Regiment of this State, now on Furlough, one compleat Suit of regimental Cloaths, out of the Cloathing in his Possession belonging to this State.

Committee
to value the
Towns of
Scituate and
Foster.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Stephen Potter*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Isaac Bowen*, Esquires. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to ascertain and proportion the Value of the two Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*, so that a due Proportion may be struck between said Towns, in order to fix a Value upon each Town respectively: That to do the same

same with as much Accuracy as possible, they procure the Valuation of the whole Town of *Scituate* before it was divided, agreeable to the said Town's Valuation, and settle the same agreeable thereto: And that where the Line between the two Towns shall divide a Farm or Tract of Land, or House, the same be valued and placed to each Town according to the Value of the same, as they shall happen to be in each Town.

WHEREAS *Solomon Southwick*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Flour, &c. supplied the Troops doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*: Which being examined by the Auditor, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon, of *Twenty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ninepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Solomon Southwick* out of the General-Treasury.

S. Southwick
allowed £ 21
15s. 9d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* sell and dispose of the *Negro Boy*, which he took as the Estate of *Alexander Hopkins*, of *West-Greenwich*, at public Vendue, to the highest Bidder for the said Boy, who shall serve until he arrive unto the Age of *Twenty-one Years*: That the Purchaser of the said Boy give Bonds, with sufficient Sureties, unto the General-Treasurer of this State for the Time being, and to his Successors in the said Office, in the Penalty of the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* Silver Money, not to sell or send the said Boy out of this State, without Leave from this Assembly first had and obtained; and that the said Boy shall be considered as an Inhabitant of the same Town where his Master who shall purchase him shall be resident.

Sheriff of
Kent to sell
a *Negro Boy*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That upon the said Boy's serving out his Apprenticeship with Faithfulness, he shall be exonerated from all the Bonds of Servitude as a Slave.

WHEREAS *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Disbursements in fitting out the Sloop *Rover*, employed by this State, as a Cruizer for the Protection of Trade: Upon which the following Report was made, *to wit*:

W. Arnold
allowed £ 92
13s. 6d.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly a Committee, to settle the said Account of *Welcome Arnold*, do report, that we have examined the same with the Vouchers, and that there is due to the said *Welcome Arnold* the Sum of *Ninety-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money.

ESEK HOPKINS,
STEPHEN POTTER,
JEREMIAH CLARKE.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Balance, being *Ninety two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Welcome Arnold* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

P. Allen allowed £ 79
2 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Disbursements in fitting out the Sloop *Rover*, employed by this State as a Cruizer for the Protection of Trade : Upon which the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the said Account of *Paul Allen*, do report, that we find the same to be just and reasonable; and that the Sum of *Seventy-nine Pounds Two Shillings* Silver Money, the Amount thereof, is due to the said *Paul Allen*. Which is submitted by

ESEK HOPKINS,
STEPHEN POTTER,
JEREMIAH CLARKE.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Seventy-nine Pounds Two Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Paul Allen* out of the General-Treasury.

Report of *W. Arnold, E. Hopkins*, and *C. Keen*, upon *R. Lawton's* Vessel.

WHEREAS *Welcome Arnold, Essek Hopkins*, and *Charles Keen*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, by Virtue of their Appointment by this Assembly to enquire into the Loss sustained by Mr. *Robert Lawton*, who had a Vessel that was cast ashore on *Warwick-Neck*, and there stripped and otherwise damaged, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers having proceeded on the Business before mentioned, notified the Parties and fully heard them upon the Premises, do report, that *Robert Carr, Curtis Cole, Caleb Carr*, and *Benajah Cole*, stripped the said Vessel of One Cable, One Anchor, Two Pieces of Junk, and Three Blocks, which appeared by their own Confession : And that we estimate the Damage the said *Robert Lawton* hath sustained in his said Vessel at *Five Hundred Silver Dollars*. Which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly, by their humble Servants,

WELCOME ARNOLD,
ESEK HOPKINS,
CHARLES KEEN.

South-Kingstown, October 31, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

J. Demout allowed £ 12
15 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Demout* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Horse-Hire, Expences, &c. in going twice to *Coventry*, to estimate Cattle for the Continental Army : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Demout* out of the General-Treasury.

R. Smith allowed £ 4
4 s.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for carrying the Orders of the General Assembly and Council of War, divers Times, to the several Towns in the said County, &c. Which

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Richard Smith* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ichabod Smith*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding *Mary Tanner*, a Prisoner at the Suit of the State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ichabod Smith* out of the General-Treasury.

I. Smith allowed £ 4 1 s. 6 d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jonathan Arnold*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, towards discharging the Balance due unto him from this State.

J. Arnold allowed £ 30.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Theodore Foster*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Jonathan Arnold*, Esq; with the State; and that they make Report thereof to the next Session of this Assembly.

Committee to audit *J. Arnold's* Accounts.

WHEREAS Mr. *Moses Brown*, of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year 1774 he remitted a Bill of Exchange of *Sixty Pounds* Sterling to *Mary Hind*, in *London*, to be laid out in Books, principally for his own Library: That before the said Books could be sent him the Non-importation Agreement took Place in *America*, on Account of which they have remained in *London* at his Risque: That by Permission from the Council of War he wrote for the said Books to be shipped, in Expectation that they would be allowed to be brought from *New-York* in a Flag; and that the Act entituled, "An Act more effectually to prevent illicit Trade," &c. hath been since made, which supercedes the Doings of the Council of War; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to import the said Books from *Great-Britain*:

Petition of *M. Brown* granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Moses Brown* be and he hereby is permitted to import the said Books from *Great Britain* into this State, by such Ways as he may devise, which shall not be prejudicial to the United States, without being subject or liable to Seizure or Confiscation.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Thousand Dollars* in Silver, towards defraying the Expences of his Department: And that he account therefor.

B. Bourne allowed £ 300.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby directed to pay the Boatmen and Ferry-Keepers for the Transportation of the Militia, when in actual Service of this State, One Half of the Price which is paid by common Passengers for their Fare in passing.

B. Bourne to pay *Ferri-ages*.

R. Fry al-
lowed £ 8
14 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS *Richard Fry*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Freight of Provisions from *East-Greenwich* to *Providence*, by Request of the Commissary-General of Purchases: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Richard Fry* out of the General-Treasury.

The Govern-
nor allowed
£ 60.

It is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; Governor of this State, have and receive out of the General-Treasury *Two Hundred Silver Dollars*, in full for his Salary and extraordinary Services, for the Year last past, as Governor.

The late De-
puty-Govern-
nor allowed
£ 30.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *William West*, Esq; late Deputy-Governor of this State, have and receive out of the General-Treasury *One Hundred Silver Dollars*, in full for his Salary and extraordinary Services for the Year last past.

J. Tew al-
lowed £ 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Wood furnished the Prisoners of War, from *May*, 1780, to *October*, 1781: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *James Tew* out of the General-Treasury.

N. Mumford
allowed £ 10
2 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the United States, for boarding and providing Necessaries, &c. for *Abner Briggs*, a wounded Soldier belonging to Col. *Henry Jackson's* Regiment: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance thereof, being *Ten Pounds Two Shillings and Elevenpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Peirce al-
lowed £ 12
4 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Major *Job Peirce* exhibited unto this Assembly a Pay-Abstract, for himself and Three non-commissioned Officers belonging to Colonels *Holden* and *Kasson's* Regiments, which did Duty within this State in *June*, A. D. 1778: Which being duly considered and examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Job Peirce* out of the General-Treasury.

Clark and
Nightingale
allowed £ 11
9 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for sundry Articles supplied the Flag bound to *New-York*, commanded by Capt. *Oliver Bowen*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Clark* and *Nightingale* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Bowen al-
lowed £ 423
1 s. 2½.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; laid before this Assembly the following Account, *to wit*:

State

| | | Dr. | |
|---|--|-------|------|
| 1781. | To 2 Quarts of the Oil of Olives, delivered Col. Flagg, for the Use of the Laboratory, | £ 0 | 15 0 |
| | To 25 lb. of Lead, at 1 s. | 1 | 5 0 |
| | To 8 Reams of Cartridge-Paper, at 18 s. | 7 | 4 0 |
| | To 1 lb. of Thread, to tie Cartridges, | 0 | 6 0 |
| | To Cash paid for transporting Lead and Powder from Boston, | 3 | 2 8 |
| | To 2 lb. of Thread, | 0 | 12 0 |
| | To 9½ lb. of Ditto, | 2 | 7 0 |
| | To 10,000 Gun-Flints, at 48 s. per Thousand, of Olney and Bowen, | 24 | 0 0 |
| | To 427½ lb. of Lead, purchased by James Lovett, Esq; | 21 | 7 6 |
| | To Jonathan Gladding's Bill, for himself and several others who worked in the Laboratory, | 38 | 19 3 |
| | To 500 Four-Pound Shot, and 500 Three-Pound Shot, weighing 32 Cwt. 1 qr. at 46 s. per Cwt. | 71 | 17 6 |
| | To 1021 lb. of Powder, at 3 s. 6 d. | 178 | 13 6 |
| | To 9 Cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. of Bar-Lead, purchased by Col. Crary, at 96 s. | 47 | 14 0 |
| | To Cash paid James Rhodes, for repairing 75 Small-Arms, | 9 | 0 0 |
| | To Messieurs Clark and Nightingale's Bill, | 5 | 16 0 |
| | | £ 412 | 19 5 |
| Commissions for doing the Business, at 2½ per Cent. | | 10 | 1 9½ |
| | | £ 423 | 1 2½ |

Errors excepted, per

JABEZ BOWEN

AND the Auditor having made the following Report thereon, to wit:

EXAMINED the foregoing Account, compared the Vouchers with the Charges, find them agree, and the Account right cast.

THOMAS RUMREILL, Auditor.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds One Shilling and Twopence Halfpenny* Silver Money, be paid unto the said Jabez Bowen out of the General-Treasury.

AND it is further *Voted and Resolved*, That the Vote passed by the Council of War, granting unto the said Jabez Bowen *Six Hundred Pounds* in Silver Money, to be paid out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose of procuring the Articles charged in the above Account,

be made void: And if any Order hath been given therefor, that the same be cancelled.

B. Arnold to draw £ 30. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. Benjamin Arnold be and he is hereby appointed to purchase a sufficient Quantity of Two Inch and an Half Plank, and Timber, to repair *Pawtuxet* Bridge: That the Inhabitants in *Cranston* and *Warwick*, belonging to Squadrons adjoining the said Bridge, do the Labour in repairing the same, and the Abutments thereof: That the said Benjamin Arnold, in order to enable him to purchase the said Plank and Timber, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury: And that he lay his Accounts for the Purchase of the said Plank and Timber before this Assembly.

E. Hopkins and *J. Jenckes* allowed £ 7 10 s. WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for counting and delivering the Continental Money into the Loan-Office: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury.

M. Bowler allowed £ 7 4 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, in Lieu of *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings* in the new Emission Bills which this Assembly granted him at the Second Session in *May* last, upon his Account: And that the said Vote for the said new Emission Bills be null and void.

J. Bowen to assist *M. Bowler*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; be and he is hereby requested to call upon *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; to compleat the Accounts of this State against the Continent, that they may be sent forward immediately: That those Accounts which are not compleated, and are wanted for a Completion of the Continental Account, be noted, and the Accounts closed as far as may be: And that the said *Jabez Bowen* assist the said *Metcalf Bowler* with his Advice respecting the same.

Loan-Office's Receipt. *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, having laid before this Assembly the following Receipt, to wit:

Providence, September 28, 1781.

RECEIVED of Messieurs *Esek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes*, a Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to receive all the old Continental Money out of the General-Treasurer's Office, and deliver the same to me, as Keeper of the Loan-Office, *Two Millions One Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars and Two Thirds of a Dollar*, equal to *Six Hundred and Forty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Bills of the old Emission of Congress.

JOSEPH CLARKE, Commissioner of the Loan-Office in the State of *Rhode-Island*.

2,151,265 $\frac{2}{3}$ Dollars.

£ 645.379 14 s.

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IT is thereupon Voted and Resolved, That the said Receipt be received, and placed upon the Records of this State.

WHEREAS Benjamin Peckham, Esq; of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition of Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he received of Richard Nichols, of Coventry, a Certificate signed by the Secretary, certifying that the Committee for Depreciation reported to January Session, 1781, that there was due to the Heirs of Francis Colegrove, deceased, late a Soldier in Col. Angell's Regiment, the Sum of Fifty six Pounds Eleven Shillings Silver Money, which Certificate he has lost; and that the Secretary declines giving another, without the Order of this Assembly; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to direct and order another Certificate for the said Sum to be granted. that he may give the same to the said Richard Nichols: B. Peckham granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to give another Certificate for the Sum due as aforesaid; and that the first Certificate given be and the same is hereby declared null and void.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John I. Clark, Esq; Mr. Joseph Brown, John Jenckes, Welcome Arnold, Stephen Potter, and Rufus Hopkins, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to take into Consideration the several Acts heretofore passed by this Assembly, respecting the State of the Continental Emissions of Paper Currency, and how far and at what Rates, the same should or might be paid, or received in Payment, for Debts at any Time contracted by Mortgage, Bond, Note or otherwise, and to present a Bill to this Assembly for repealing such of the said Acts, or such Parts of them, as they shall think necessary; and to provide such Modes of Payment, and of entering up Judgments in future, and of rectifying such as are already passed and not yet satisfied, as may tend to the due Distribution of Justice, as far as may be, to the Debtor and Creditor. Committee to prepare a Bill for the more equitable discharging of Contracts.

WHEREAS Messieurs William Tefft, Joseph Tefft, Samuel Tefft, Stephen Rogers, and Simeon Clarke, all of Richmond, and Messieurs Gideon Clarke, Samuel Babcock, and Joshua Randall, all of South-Kingstown, have Certificates, signed by Charles Holden, jun. Esq; Commissary-General of Purchases, for Provisions sold him for the Use of this State: And whereas all the said Persons are indebted to the State, for the Keeping of Stock on the Point-Judith Farm belonging to this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to rent the State Farms be and they are hereby empowered to indorse all such Sums of Money as shall be due to the State as aforesaid on their said Certificates: That the same shall be in full Compensation for so much as shall be due unto this State: And that they be indorsed on the said Certificates at the Time that they severally became due. Committee for letting the State Farms to indorse certain Sums upon Certificates given for Beef.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee be and they are hereby directed to call upon all Persons that are indebted to this State, for the Pasturage of Cattle on the aforesaid Farm:

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And that if they do not fettle and pay the Balances that are due, in a reasonable Time, they be sued for the same.

A^{ct} for raising 100 Men.

WHEREAS the Safety and internal Security of this State render it necessary that a military Force should be raised and maintained within this State, for the Defence thereof: And whereas it is found by Experience, that drafting or detaching from the Militia of this State, for that Purpose, is attended with a great Expence, and many Inconveniences:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred able-bodied effective Men, Officers included, be immediately raised for the Defence of this State, to do Duty therein (and not to march out of the same) from the Time of their Inlistment until the First Day of *April* next, unless sooner discharged by this Assembly; and that the said Men be formed into One Company, to be commanded by One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and Two Ensigns, and be allowed each, upon his passing Muster before the Captain of the said Company, and furnishing himself with a Blanket, *Ten Silver Dollars*, as a Bounty: *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Bounty shall be allowed to such Persons only as shall inlist into the said Company in the Month of *November*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That each able-bodied Man who shall inlist as aforesaid shall be furnished with a Gun, Bayonet, Cartouch-Box and Canteen, to be returned at the Expiration of his Service; and that in case any of the said Men shall furnish themselves with a Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, they shall be allowed a further Sum of *Twelve Shillings* Silver Money each.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That there be appointed for the said Company Six Serjeants, who shall be allowed each *Fifty-four Shillings* Silver Money per Month, Six Corporals, and One Drummer and Fifer, who shall be allowed each *Fifty Shillings* like Money per Month: That the Privates be allowed each *Forty-eight Shillings* Silver Money per Month: And that the commissioned Officers be allowed the same Wages and Rations as are allowed to Officers of the same Rank in the Continental Service.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Officers and Soldiers who shall be raised and embodied as aforesaid be under the same Rules, Orders and Regulations, as those of the Continental Army; and that each Soldier sign the following Inlistment, *to wit*:

“ I THE Subscriber do solemnly engage and inlist myself as a Soldier in the Pay and Service of the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* from the Day of my Inlistment until the First Day of *April*, A. D. 1782, unless sooner discharged by the General Assembly: And I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army, and faithfully to observe the Orders I shall receive from my Officers.”

Petition of
M. Franklin.

UPON the Petition of Mrs. *Mary Franklin*, Keeper of the Ferry on the West Side of *Jamestown*, praying that proper Allowance may be made her for the Drift-Cattle brought in her Boat from the *Narraganset*

set Ferry to her Ferry, It is Voted and Resolved, by and with the Consent of the said *Mary Franklin*, and *Mr. John Franklin*, Keeper of the South Ferry in *South-Kingstown*, That the Subject-Matter of the said Petition be and the same is hereby referred to the final End and Determination of *William Taggart* and *William Hammond*, Esquires, and *Mr. Jeremiah Clarke*; who are hereby appointed, authorized, and fully empowered, to hear the Parties thereon, and to make such Report to this Assembly as shall be by them thought just, right and equitable, between the Parties, and of Utility to the Public.

WHEREAS a certain *Negro*, called *Plato Wheeler*, formerly a Slave of *Paul Wheeler*, of *Stonington*, in the State of *Connecticut*, was purchased by *Thomas Wells* the Second, of *Hopkinton*, in this State, for the Purpose of his the said Slave's being made free, and entering as a Soldier into the Continental Regiment of this State, and the said Slave did thereupon freely enlist as a Soldier in the said Regiment, but hath since absconded, and returned into the said State of *Connecticut*; and it is represented that his former Master supports the said *Negro* in the said fraudulent Conduct: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to the Governor of the State of *Connecticut*, and inform him of the above mentioned Circumstances, and request that an Order may be made, and proper Means used, for remanding the said *Negro* to this State, that he may be forwarded to the said Regiment.

The Governor requested to write to Governor Trumbull.

WHEREAS *Joshua Hathaway*, jun. of *Sutton*, in the County of *Worcester*, and Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, now confined in Gaol in *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he is under the Sentence of the Superior Court, at *September* Term last, for stealing a Horse, to receive One Hundred and Seventeen Stripes, at Three several Times, publicly, on his naked Back, to forfeit his real and personal Estate to the Use of the Governor and Company of this State, and be banished from this State: And thereupon the said *Joshua Hathaway* prayed this Assembly to remit the said Sentence:

Petition of J. Hathaway, jun. granted.

AND it appearing to this Assembly, that he hath made an ingenuous Confession of his Crimes and Accomplices, and discovered several Villanies of great Importance:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said *Joshua Hathaway*, jun. be and he is hereby discharged from suffering the Whipping and Banishment mentioned in the said Sentence; and that he be released from his Confinement, on paying all Costs of Prosecution and Prison-Fees.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Col. Ray Sands* be and he is hereby permitted to proceed to the Island of *Block-Island*, under the Direction and Inspection of *Enoch Hazard*, Esq; and that he have Liberty to return, and bring off with him such Articles of the Produce and Growth of the said Island as he may there receive for the Product of his Farm, under the like Inspection.

R. Sands permitted to go to Block-Island.

J. Boyer liberated from his Parole.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Boyer* be and he is hereby liberated from his Parole, he behaving as a good Citizen of this State; and if he shall choose to go upon *Block-Island*, that he be permitted to go in the Boat with *Col. Ray Sands*, under the Direction of *Enoch Hazard*, Esq; there to remain until Liberty be granted by this Assembly for his Return.

E. Bowen allowed £ 18.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ephraim Bowen*, Esq; late D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby allowed the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds* in Silver Money, out of the General-Treasury, to pay for the Transportation of Hay from the *Point-Judith* Farm to *Newport*, in Lieu of an Order he had on the Treasury, from the Council of War, in *October*, A. D. 1780, for the Amount of the abovelaid Sum in Bills of the new Emission, which Order hath not been paid.

Committee to inspect into public Stores.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Esek Hopkins*, and *William Rhodes*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to inspect into the public Stores belonging to this State, upon the Wharff of *Mr. Joseph Brown*, and cause such of them to be removed as they shall judge proper: That they sell at public Vendue, or private Sale, such of them as they shall judge not to be immediately wanted by the Public, and pay the Money arising from the Sales thereof into the General-Treasury: And that they make Report of their Doings, and the Situation of the said Wharff, as occupied by the Public.

Committee to sell Sugars belonging to the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Esek Hopkins*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to sell and dispose of all the Sugars belonging to this State, in their Possession, at public Vendue, to the highest Bidder; and that they pay the Amount thereof into the General-Treasury.

G. Westgate to sell Gun-Carriages, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. George Westgate*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the Town of *Tiverton*, be and he is hereby empowered to sell, at public Vendue, several old Gun-Carriages, and other useless Stores, belonging to this State, in *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*: And that he do the same under the Direction of *John Cooke*, and *William Richmond*, Esquires, and pay the Money arising from the Sale thereof into the General-Treasury.

B. Wheeler allowed £ 2 12s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Bennett Wheeler* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing several Acts of this Assembly: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be paid the said *Bennett Wheeler* out of the General-Treasury.

H. Barber allowed £ 9 6s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Henry Barber* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing several Acts of this Assembly, Advertisements, and Certificates: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Six Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Henry Barber* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer of this State be and he is hereby directed, within Twenty Days from and after the Rising of this Assembly, to issue his Warrants of Distress against the Town-Treasurer of each and every Town which shall be delinquent in paying into the General-Treasury the whole Proportion of the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds Silver Money*, assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State; which Warrants shall be returnable within Ten Days into the said Treasurer's Office.

General-Treasurer to issue Warrants.

WHEREAS the Freemen of the Town of *Foster* did not elect their Town-Officers and Deputies to represent them in General Assembly, as they were empowered to do at the last Session :

Town of *Foster* to choose Deputies, &c.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *John Westcott*, Esq; the eldest Justice of the Peace in the said Town, or in his Absence the next eldest Justice in the said Town, be and he is hereby empowered and directed to issue his Warrant, as soon as may be, to either of the Constables now dwelling in the said Town of *Foster*, appointed by the Town of *Scituate* before the late Division of that Town, requiring such Constable to warn the Freemen of the said Town of *Foster*, according to Law, to meet on the Third Monday of November inst. And the said Freemen are accordingly hereby required then to meet, in order to choose Deputies to represent that Town in General Assembly, and the Town Officers: And that in the mean Time the present Town Officers, dwelling within the said Town of *Foster*, appointed before the Division of said *Scituate*, be empowered to act in their respective Offices until others shall be chosen as aforesaid.

WHEREAS in and by a certain Act of this Assembly, heretofore made and passed, for completing this State's Quota of Continental Troops, Committees were appointed in the several Towns within this State to class the Inhabitants thereof, for furnishing the Men respectively assigned them: And whereas Messieurs *Elisba Bartlett*, *Jonathan Harris*, *Solomon Owen*, *John Fenner*, *John Wells*, *Benajah Whipple*, and *John Smith*, were therein appointed a Committee for the Town of *Gloucester*, but did not class the Inhabitants of said Town within the Time prescribed by the said Act: And whereas the said Town hath since furnished the Men assigned them as aforesaid, and the said Committee have prayed this Assembly that they may be discharged from the Penalties prescribed by the said Act: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Elisba Bartlett*, *Jonathan Harris*, *Solomon Owen*, *John Fenner*, *John Wells*, *Benajah Whipple*, and *John Smith*, be and they are hereby exonerated and discharged from all the Penalties to which they are or have been liable, in Consequence of their not classing the said Inhabitants within the Time prescribed by the said Act: And that they be restored to all the Privileges of Citizens of this State.

Committee of the Town of *Gloucester* exonerated from certain Penalties.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Waldron* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Cartridge-Boxes, Belts, &c. delivered for Col. *Cooke's* Regiment in the Year 1776: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepence Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Waldron* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Waldron allowed £ 13 9s. 9d.

M. Fenner allowed £ 3¹
7 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Martha Fenner*, of *Cranston*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that she is the Widow of *Daniel Fenner*, deceased, late a Soldier in Col. *Angell's* Regiment, who was killed in the Action at *Springfield*, in *New-Jersey*: That she was left with Six Children, in very distressed Circumstances, and that her said Husband had a considerable Sum due for Wages and Depreciation; and thereupon she prayed this Assembly to order the aforementioned Money to be paid her:

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted: And that the Sum of *Thirty-one Pounds Seven Shillings and Elevenpence* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Martha Fenner* out of the General-Treasury, it being the Balance due to her late Husband, as the same was settled by the Committee.

Committee to alter the Militia Bill.

WHEREAS Representation is made to this Assembly, that from the short Warning given to the Inhabitants of this State for equipping themselves, agreeable to a Resolve of the Council of War, it was impossible that a full Compliance could be had therewith, previous to the late general Muster: That it is necessary some Alterations should be made in the present Militia Laws; and that it will be conducive to the public Good, to remit the Collection of the said Fines, in case the Delinquents shall equip themselves according to Law, within a limited Time: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Manton*, *Thomas Holden*, *Adam Comstock*, *Archibald Crary*, *William Rhodes*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the aforesaid Purposes, to be laid before this Assembly at the next Session: That in the mean Time the Collection of the said Fines and Forfeitures be suspended; and that the Militia be allowed until the First Day of *February* next to equip themselves.

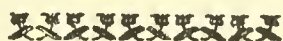
Town of *Warwick* to collect a Town Tax.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly by the Town of *Warwick*, that in *January* last the said Town ordered a Town Tax of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, in old Continental Money, when the same passed current at *Seventy-two Dollars* for *One Silver Dollar*, to be collected and paid into the Treasury of the said Town on or before the Tenth Day of *April* last: That Part of the said Tax is collected and paid into the Treasury, since which the said Currency hath so greatly depreciated as to become of very little Value; and that if the Remainder of the said Tax be collected and paid in the said Currency, the said Town will be injured, and Injustice done: Whereupon, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Collector of Taxes for the said Town of *Warwick* be and he is hereby empowered and directed to collect the Remainder of the said Tax in Silver Money, at and after the Rate of *One Silver Dollar* in Lieu of *Seventy-two old Continental Dollars*: And that he pay the Remainder of the said Tax, not yet paid into the said Treasury, in like Manner

Sheriff of *Kent* to collect Money late *Gervais Elam's*.

WHEREAS a Judgment and Execution was obtained at the Superior Court, held in *East-Greenwich*, in *April*, A. D. 1781, by *William Manchester*, against *Thomas Manchester*, for the Sum of *Sixty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, Debt, and *Three Pounds Seventeen*

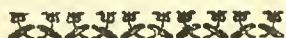
venteen Shillings and Threepence, Cost, which were the proper Monies of *Gervas Elam*, late of *Newport*, deceased: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff for the County of *Kent* collect the Monies, agreeable to the said Execution, and pay the same into the General-Treasury: And that the Receipt of the Treasurer, together with a Copy of this Vote annexed to the said Execution, be a full Discharge thereof.



An A C T altering and changing the Name and Stile of the County heretofore called *King's County*, in this State, into the Name and Stile of WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, since the Declaration of the Independence of the United States of *America*, it becomes the Wisdom of the rising Republic to obliterate, as far as may be, every Trace and Idea of that Government which threatened our Destruction: Act altering the Name of *King's County* into WASHINGTON.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Name of *King's County*, by which the Southernmost County in this State was heretofore distinguished, shall for ever hereafter cease: And that, in perpetual and grateful Remembrance of the eminent and most distinguished Services, and heroic Actions, of the illustrious Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of *America*, the said County shall for ever hereafter be known and called, in all legislative Acts, legal Proceedings, Conveyances, &c. by the Name and Stile of WASHINGTON.



WHEREAS Mr. *Jacob Isaacks*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was possessed of Eighty-six Casks of white and Spermaceti Oil, of his own Property, which he lodged in *Warren*, under the Care of *Martin Luther*, in December, A. D. 1776: That by an Order of the Council of War, in July, A. D. 1778, the said Oil was removed by the Sheriff of the County of *Bristol* to *Providence*; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee to enquire into the same: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, and *Adam Comstock*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to make Enquiry into the Subject-Matter of the said Petition: That they enquire whole Property the said Oil was, when taken into Custody, together with the Quantity, and every Circumstance relating thereto, and in particular what became of the Monies arising from the Sale thereof; and that they report the same to this Assembly, at the next Session, that Justice may be done.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Esek Hopkins*, *John I. Clarke*, and *Adam Comstock*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to settle the Fees of the Intendants Offices.

mittee, to fix a Table of Fees for the Offices of the Intendants of Trade in this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, before the Rising thereof.

B. Brown allowed £ 9 7 s. WHEREAS *Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the Superior and Inferior Courts, and upon this Assembly at the present Session: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Seven Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriab Brown* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Cross allowed 12 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Cross*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for going to *Point-Judith*, to cite Mr. *Royzel Smith* to appear before this Assembly: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Cross* out of the General-Treasury.

B. Arnold allowed £ 3. WHEREAS Col. *Benjamin Arnold*, of the *Pawtuxet Rangers*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Abstract of retained Rations, which were omitted in the general Abstract, for himself and Three Officers who did Duty on *Rhode-Island* in *June* and *July* last: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Arnold* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Arnold allowed £ 6 17 s. 3 d. WHEREAS Mr. *William Arnold* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Freight of Provisions and Tallow from *East-Greenwich* to *Providence*, by Order of the Commissary-General of Purchases: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Threepence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Arnold* out of the General-Treasury.

N. Perkins allowed £ 4 10 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid Mr. *Nathaniel Perkins* out of the General-Treasury, in Lieu of *Nine Pounds* in Bills of the Continental new Emission, granted him at the Second Session in *May* last.

General-Treasurer not to receive any more Continental Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer of this State do not, after the Rising of this Assembly, receive into the General-Treasury any more Money of the old Continental Emissions, for Taxes or Debts due to the State: That he lay before this Assembly, at the next Session, an Account of the Deficiencies of each Town of all the Taxes heretofore made and ordered: And that this Act be published, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly, in the *Providence* and *Newport News-Papers*.

J. Weeden to enquire concerning Rails, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Weeden* be and he is hereby appointed to make Enquiry into the Number of Rails removed from the Farm late *Joseph Wanton's*, to the Farm late *Thomas Hutchinson's*.

son's: That he immediately cause the same to be returned, and delivered to the Tenant of the *Wanton Farm*, together with the Boards and Timber belonging to the Barn on the said Farm, which may have been removed as aforesaid: And that Messieurs *Royzel Smith* and *James Bliven*, who removed the said Rails, be at the Expence of carrying them back.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for a Number of empty Rum-Hogsheads, supplied *Charles Holden*, Esq; Commissary of Purchases: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Clark* and *Nightingale* out of the General-Treasury.

Clark and Nightingale allowed £21 15s.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that Mr. *Samuel Stanton*, of *Richmond*, as Head of a Class, hired a *Negro Man*, named *Scipio*, of one *Christopher Brown*, of *Stonington*, in the Month of *July*, A. D. 1780, to serve Six Months in Col. *Greene's* Regiment: That the said *Samuel Stanton* was obliged to give a Note of Hand to the said *Christopher Brown* for *Twelve Pounds* Silver Money, being the Whole of the said *Negro's* Wages for Six Months Service: And that the said *Negro* only served until his Wages amounted to *Eight Pounds Twelve Shillings*, when he was taken sick, and discharged: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of the Town of *Richmond* be and they are hereby fully empowered to assess the Class in the said Town, of which the said *Samuel Stanton* was Head, in the Sum of *Three Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money: And that the Collector of the said Town be and he is hereby directed to collect the same, and pay it unto the said *Samuel Stanton* as soon as may be.

Committee in *Richmond* to assess £3 8s. upon *S. Stanton's* Class.

WHEREAS Mr. *David Herrendeen*, of *Exeter*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he hired of this State a Farm in said *Exeter*, formerly belonging to *Samuel Boone*, the Rent of which he was to pay in Produce: That one *James Bliven*, an Assistant Quarter-Master, took from him Thirteen Tons of good Hay, which the said *James Bliven* told him was to be considered as Part of the Payment of the said Rent: And that notwithstanding he was sued at *February* Court last for the Whole of the said Rent; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief in the Premises:

Petition of *D. Herrendeen* referred.

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session of this Assembly: That Mr. *James Bliven*, Assistant Quarter Master, be cited to appear then, to give an Account of the Matter; and that in the mean Time the Execution which the State hath against the said *David Herrendeen* be stayed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for carrying divers Acts of the General Assembly and Council of War, &c. to the several Towns in *King's County*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriah Waite* out of the General-Treasury.

B. Waite allowed £7 4s.

J. Salisbury
allowed £ 2
13s. 2d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Salisbury* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Work done on Gun-Carriages for the Artillery, &c. in the Year 1777: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Twopence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Jonathan Salisbury* out of the General-Treasury.

R. Reynolds
allowed £ 3
12s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Reynolds* (Son of *George*) exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time and Expences of himself and his Aid, in taking up and carrying from *Exeter* to *Providence* a Man detached to serve in the Continental Army: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Robert Reynolds* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Chace al-
lowed £ 5
18s.

WHEREAS Dr. *William Chace* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines and Attendance in *December*, A.D. 1780, and *January*, A.D. 1781, upon a Continental Soldier in Col. *Greene's* Regiment: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Chace* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Rodman
allowed £ 5
14s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Rodman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for boarding and nursing a sick Continental Soldier in Col. *Greene's* Regiment, from the 20th of *December*, A. D. 1780, until the 3d of *March*, A. D. 1781: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Rodman* out of the General-Treasury.

Council of
War consti-
tuted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a Council of War be appointed for this State, to be invested with the same Powers that the Council of War last appointed were cloathed with; and that the said Council consist of Five Members.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, *to wit*:

His Excellency the Governor, his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Gideon Mumford*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Jeremiab Clarke*, Esquires, the Council of War.

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| <i>Henry Dayton</i> , Captain, <i>James Miller</i> , First Lieutenant, <i>John Viall</i> , Second Lieutenant, <i>William Helme</i> , First Ensign, <i>William Blifs</i> , jun. Second Ensign, | } | Of the Company ordered to be raised at this Session, to do Duty on <i>Rhode-Island</i> . |
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Joel Aldrich, Lieutenant, and *Samuel Aldrieb*, Ensign, in the Second Company of Militia in the Town of *Scituate*.

William Taggart, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*.
 WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. William Dyer, of South-Kingstown, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Corn, Wood, &c. furnished the Independent Company of Kingston Reds, when on Duty in December, A.D. 1776: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said William Dyer out of the General-Treasury.

W. Dyer allowed £ 7 15 s. 3 d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. Jabez Bowen, Esq; and William Taggart, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed to examine and enquire into the Deficiencies of the several Towns, respecting the raising of Soldiers for the Continental and State Battalions, which have been assigned them, from October, A. D. 1776, until the present Period; and that they make out an exact List of each Town's Deficiency, upon each Requisition, and report the same to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to examine into Deficiencies in raising Men.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all the Proceedings of the Town of South-Kingstown, heretofore had at the several Town-Meetings held on the 18th of April, the 5th of June, and the 30th of July, A. D. 1781, excusing a Number of the Inhabitants of the said Town, as Delinquents, be and the same are hereby declared null and void: That Col. Thomas Potter have a Right of Action at a Special Court, in like Manner as Sheriffs. &c. have in certain Cases, against the Town-Treasurer of the said Town of South-Kingstown, for such Demand and the Interest thereon as he had before such Proceedings of the said Town, against the various Delinquents, and Collectors of delinquent Monies: That the said Town of South-Kingstown be and hereby is empowered, by a Committee or otherwise, to consider the particular Cases of such of their Inhabitants as conceive themselves aggrieved by being returned Delinquents, and to relieve such Persons as shall appear to merit their Consideration, in Part or in the Whole, as to them shall appear just: And that the Warrants heretofore issued, by the Committee for classing the Inhabitants of said Town, remain in full Force, and be returnable, and the Monies to be collected, and paid into the Town-Treasury of the said Town, in Two Months from the Rising of this Assembly, unless the Persons against whom such Warrants have been issued obtain Relief from the said Town in Manner as aforesaid within that Time.

Votes of S. Kingstown excusing Delinquents annulled.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Draught of a Letter presented unto this Assembly, in Answer to several Letters from Robert Morris, Esq; Financier-General of the United States, be and the same is hereby approved: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to cause a fair Copy thereof to be made, and sign and transmit the same as soon as may be.

Letter to the Financier-General approved.

WHEREAS Mrs. Sarah Gray exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the State, for Ferriages of Soldiers, and Victuals supplied, &c. in the Year 1776: Which being duly considered and examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Ten Pounds seventeen Shillings and Fourpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Sarah Gray out of the General-Treasury.

S. Gray allowed £ 10 17 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS

W. Bradford WHEREAS *William Bradford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Medicines for and visiting *James Mitchell*, a Serjeant belonging to this State's Continental Regiment, who was sick at *Bristol* in *February* last: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Bradford* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Rhodes WHEREAS *William Hammond*, Esq; *Mr. Moses Lippitt*, and *William Taggart*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *William Rhodes*, Esq; for his Time, Expences, &c. in driving Cattle from this State to the Continental Army, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

| State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> in Account with <i>William Rhodes</i> , | | Dr. |
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| <i>Aug.</i> 1781. | To First Bill of Expences, | £ 93 13 0 |
| <i>September.</i> | To Second Bill of Expences, | 60 8 2½ |
| <i>October.</i> | To Third Bill of Expences, | 45 17 4 |
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| | | £ 199 18 6½ |

Creditor.

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| By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, | £ 100 0 0 |
| Balance due to <i>William Rhodes</i> , | 99 18 6½ |
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| | £ 199 18 6½ |

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to settle and adjust the said *William Rhodes*'s Account with this State, do report, that we have examined the same, compared it with the Vouchers, find it right cast, and that there is a Balance due to the said *William Rhodes* of *Ninety-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny* Silver Money. Which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly, by

W. HAMMOND,
MOSES LIPPITT,
WILLIAM TAGGART.

South-Kingstown, Nov. 3, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance of the said Account, being *Ninety-nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Rhodes* out of the General-Treasury:

An A C T for regulating the Fees to be received by
the Intendants of Trade within this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof Act regulat-
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tendants
Fees. it is Enacted, That the Intendants of Trade in this State shall be entitled to and receive the following Fees, to wit :

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| For a Register, | £ 0 6 0 |
| For entering and clearing all Vessels on foreign Voyages, } each, | 0 12 0 |
| For entering and clearing Coasters, | 0 6 0 |
| For any Vessel to pass the Fort, | 0 1 6 |

AND it is further Enacted, That all Vessels bound to Ports within the Jurisdiction of any of the United States, and to no Place without the same, shall be deemed Coasters: That all Vessels cleared for any Port without the said States, shall be deemed on foreign Voyages: That all Vessels cleared at either of the said Offices, and having their Papers, may pass the Forts to Sea without any other Pass: That any Vessel bound to Sea, having obtained a Pass for that Purpose, shall not be obliged to get a new Pass from Day to Day, but the first Pass shall be sufficient until she hath made her Voyage: And that a Table of the Fees, as hereby established, be set up in each of the Intendant's Offices in this State.



WHEREAS *Mary Clarke*, now a Prisoner in the Gaol in *Providence*, *M. Clarke* was convicted of receiving Goods, knowing them to have been stolen, discharged from Gaol. and was sentenced to pay a Fine, and Costs of Prosecution: And whereas the said *Mary Clarke* hath since paid the said Fine, but is not able to discharge the Cost: That no further Cost may arise, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Cost upon the said Prosecution be remitted, and that she be discharged from her Imprisonment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *J. Bowen* to be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Three Hundred* draw £ 300 Pounds Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, to pay the Bounties out of the Treasury. of the Men ordered to be raised at the present Session: And that he pay the same to the Officers appointed to command the said Company.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Rhodes*, Esq; be and he *W. Rhodes* allowed £ 30. is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred Silver Dollars*, towards the Expences of driving Cattle to the Continental Army, for the Month of *November*: And that he account for the same.

WHEREAS *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an *T. Rumrell* Account, by him charged against the State, for signing Certificates allowed £ 11 for the Wages of the Militia, who did Duty in *July* last; and for his ^{11s.} Attendance

Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as Auditor, &c: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and heret y is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Pounds Eleven Shillings* Silver Money, be paid the said *Thomas Rumreill* out of the General-Treasury.

B. West allowed £ 4 16s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin West* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time and Expences in surveying and platting the Farms late *Borland's* and *Vassal's*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin West* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction of said Account.

R. J. Helme allowed £ 4 10s.

WHEREAS *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance at the present Session as Clerk of the House of Deputies: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Rouse J. Helme* out of the General-Treasury.

Petition of the Town-Council of *Portsmouth* granted.

WHEREAS the Town-Council of the Town of *Portsmouth* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Session held in *March* last this Assembly did order *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. to pay the said Town-Council *Fifty-four Pounds* in Continental Bills of the new Emission, in Satisfaction for a Building, belonging to the said Town, which was taken and converted to the Use of the United States; and that the said *Benjamin Bourne* not having been able to pay the said Order, the same still remains due to the said Town: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to order the said *Benjamin Bourne* to pay the said Town the Sum of *One Hundred Silver Dollars* (which was the Value of the new Emission Bills they were to have received) in full for the Building taken as aforesaid:

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That it be recommended to the said *Benjamin Bourne* to pay unto the Town-Council of *Portsmouth* the said Sum of *One Hundred Silver Dollars*: And that the said Order of this Assembly, directing the said *Benjamin Bourne* to pay the said Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds* Continental Money of the new Emission to the said Town-Council, be void.

B. Bourne allowed £ 30.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to comply with an Order of this Assembly directing him to pay that Sum to the Town-Council of the Town of *Portsmouth*.

B. Brown allowed £ 9 11s.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for several Bills paid by him for Work done on the State-House in the said County: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Eleven Shillings* Silver

Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriah Brown* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Grant to *J. M. Varnum* and *D. Mowry*, 400 Dollars each. be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Eight Hundred Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, in order to send forward to *Philadelphia*; *Four Hundred Dollars* thereof for the Use of *James M. Varnum*, Esq; and the other *Four Hundred Dollars* for the Use of *Daniel Mowry*, Esq; Delegates in Congress from this State: And that they account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly do approve of the Conduct of the Committee in fitting the Sloop *Rover* on a Cruize against the Enemy's armed Boats, at the Time Capt. *Joseph Olney* had the Command of the said Sloop: And that this Resolve be published in the News-Papers in this State. Conduct of the Committee who fitted out the Sloop *Rover* approved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tafft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eleven Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Ebenezer Tafft* out of the General-Treasury. *E. Tafft* allowed £ 2 11s.

WHEREAS *James Helme*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *James Helme* out of the General-Treasury. *J. Helme* allowed £ 4 10s.

WHEREAS Mr. *David Douglass* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *David Douglass* out of the General-Treasury. *D. Douglass* allowed £ 1 16s.

WHEREAS *Silas Bates*, who enlisted into this State's Regiment in the Continental Service, for *Christopher Lippitt*, Esq; his Clafs, in the Town of *Cranston*, has since deserted, and the said *Silas Bates* hath a real Estate in the Town of *West-Greenwich*: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* take Possession of the said Estate, to and for the Use of this State. Estates of *S. Bates* and *D. Brown* to be seized.

AND whereas it is represented unto this Assembly, that *Daniel Brown*, of *Tiverton*, hath been concerned in fraudulently enlisting Men into the Continental Service, and hath absconded, so that he cannot be taken upon a Warrant issued against him to answer said Offence, and that the said *Daniel Brown* hath a real Estate in the Town of *Tiverton*: Wherefore, that Justice may be done, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the real Estate of the said *Daniel Brown* be taken Possession of in Behalf of this State, by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*; and that the said Sheriffs

riffs be furnished with Copies of this Vote, and make Return to the next Session of this Assembly.

G. Gardner's
Petition
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. George Gardner, of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that his Daughter, *Sarah Littlefield*, is sick at *Block-Island*; and prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to bring her from the said Island:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: And that the said *George Gardner* have Liberty to bring off to the Main the said *Sarah Littlefield*, under the Inspection of *Enoch Hazard*, Esq;

Adjourn-
ment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned until the Second Monday in *December* next, then to convene at the State-House in *East-Greenwich*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED.

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Secy

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, and in the Sixth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable

Jabez Bowen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS WELLS, Esq;

DANIEL MANTON, Esq;

GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;

SYLVESTER GARDNER, Esq;

ENOCH HAZARD, Esq;

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

DANIEL OWEN, Esq;

Assistants.

HOPKINS COOKE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT:
 William Channing, *Esq;*
 William Taggart, *Esq;*
 Timothy Waterhouse, *Esq;*
 PROVIDENCE:
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq;*
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Theodore Foster, *Esq;*
 PORTSMOUTH:
 Mr. David Giffard,
 Mr. William Anthony, *jun.*
 WARWICK:
 Thomas Holden, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas Remington,
 Mr. Moses Lippitt,
 Adam Comstock, *Esq;*
 WESTERLY:
 Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*
 Edward Bliven, *Esq;*
 NORTH-KINGSTOWN:
 William Hammond, *Esq;*
 Mr. Nathan Brown.
 SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:
 Mr. Samuel J. Potter,
The Clerk.
 EAST-GREENWICH:
 Archibald Crary, *Esq;*
 Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*
 JAMESTOWN:
 Mr. John Weeden,
 Mr. John Howland.
 SMITHFIELD:
 Stephen Arnold, *Esq;*
 SCITUATE:
 William Rhodes, *Esq;*
 Rufus Hopkins, *Esq;*
 GLOUCESTER:
 Mr. Simon Smith,
 Mr. Elijah Hawkins.
 CHARLESTOWN:
 Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq;*

WEST-GREENWICH:
 Thomas Gorton, *Esq;*
 Jonathan Comstock, *Esq;*
 COVENTRY:
 Mr. Israel Bowen,
 Stephen Potter, *Esq;*
 EXETER:
 Pardon Tillinghast, *Esq;*
 Mr. Nicholas Gardner, *jun.*
 MIDDLETOWN:
 George Irish, *Esq;*
 BRISTOL:
 Mr. Speaker,
 Nathaniel Fales, *Esq;*
 TIVERTON:
 Mr. Benjamin Howland.
 LITTLE-COMPTON:
 William Richmond, *Esq;*
 Isaac Bailey, *Esq;*
 WARREN:
 None.
 CUMBERLAND:
 None.
 RICHMOND:
 Robert Stanton, *Esq;*
 CRANSTON:
 John Andrews, *Esq;*
 Mr. Richard Sayles.
 HOPKINTON:
 Abel Tanner, *Esq;*
 George Thurston, *Esq;*
 JOHNSTON:
 Mr. Nehemiah Sheldon.
 NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
 Essek Hopkins, *Esq;*
 John Jenckes, *Esq;*
 BARRINGTON:
 Mr. Thomas Allin.
 FOSTER:
 Mr. John Williams,
 Mr. Jonathan Hopkins, *jun.*

ROUSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House,

I*t is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Kent be *J. Mathewson* and he is hereby directed to give Notice unto Mr. *Joseph Mathewson* and Mr. *James Bates*, both of *Coventry*, that they be and appear before this Assembly at the present Session, in order to give Information respecting a Note of Hand given by the said *Joseph Mathewson* unto one *Silas Bates*, a Soldier who enlisted into the Continental Service, and hath since deserted; which Note is assigned unto the aforesaid *James Bates*. *Bates to appear before the Assembly.*

WHEREAS *Oliver Bowen*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Disbursements and Expences, in going to *New-York*, for negotiating an Exchange of Prisoners, from *September* to *November*, A. D. 1781: Which being duly examined and considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance thereof, being *One Hundred and Forty Dollars and One Third Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Bowen* out of the General-Treasury. *O. Bowen allowed 140 $\frac{1}{3}$ Dollars.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Hoyle* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Gratuity for enlisting Two Recruits into the Continental Battalion of this State, &c. And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Joseph Hoyle* out of the General-Treasury. *J. Hoyle allowed £ 4 18 s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Lieut. *Oliver Jenckes* be and he is hereby empowered to receive *Six Pounds* in Silver Money, out of the General-Treasury, in order to defray his Expences to *Philadelphia*, with the Cloathing for the Continental Battalion of this State. *O. Jenckes allowed £ 6.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Greenman*, of *Newport*, a wounded Soldier, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that there is due unto him Eighteen Months Half-Pay, as stipulated by this Assembly; and that he hath not received his Rations of Provisions since the Month of *June* last: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief in the Premises: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Job Greenman* be allowed and paid the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Silver Money* out of the General-Treasury, for Twelve Months back Wages. *J. Greenman allowed £ 12.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Oliver Jenckes*, a Lieutenant in this State's Continental Regiment, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was appointed the recruiting Officer for the said Regiment, and did that Duty, and prayed this Assembly to grant him an Allowance for the Service: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty Silver Dollars* be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury, for his extraordinary Expences in the said Service. *O. Jenckes allowed 20 Dollars.*

WHEREAS the aforesaid *Oliver Jenckes* presented unto this Assembly an Abstract of the extra Pay of several Soldiers that did Duty in the Town of *Providence*, by Order of the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; from the 10th of *November* to the 10th of *December*, 1781: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount of the said Abstract, *O. Jenckes allowed 15 Dollars.*

Abstract, being *Fifteen Silver Dollars*, be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose of discharging the same.

O. Jenckes allowed £1 4s.

WHEREAS the same *Oliver Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Money paid for the Passages of several Soldiers and Deserters from *Newport* to *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Oliver Jenckes* out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to enquire respecting the Beef from *Middletown*.

WHEREAS *George Irish*, Esq; one of the Representatives for the Town of *Middletown*, hath suggested unto this Assembly, that a Mistake hath been made in Respect to collecting the Monies due for Beef from said Town: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Brown*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to make Enquiry into the same, and to report as soon as may be, that said Mistake, if any, may be rectified.

G. Popple to appear before the Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, or his Deputy, be and he is hereby directed to cause *George Popple*, of *Hopkinton*, to appear before this Assembly at the present Session, to answer unto a certain Accusation against him, for inlisting a Man by a fictitious Name to serve in the Continental Army, and aiding and assisting him to desert.

Resolve respecting Certificates for Beef.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Assembly, passed at *January* Session, A. D. 1781, for apportioning Beef to the several Towns, it was therein ordered, that the Certificates of the Delivery thereof should be received in Payment of so much of the next State Tax as the same should amount to, at the Rate therein affixed: And whereas the same hath been considered as an equal Apportionment, and no Town hath received Satisfaction therefor out of said Tax: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Apportionment operate as a Tax; and that the said Certificates be not received in Payment of the said State Tax: Any Thing in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Slocum allowed £12, and Cloathing.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Slocum*, of *Portsmouth*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the earliest Period of the present War with *Great-Britain* he inlisted as a Soldier in this State's Service, and continued therein until *March*, A. D. 1778, when he was drafted into his Excellency General *Washington's* Guards; where he continued until the Seventh of *June*, A. D. 1780; and on the said Day, at the Battle at *Connecticut Farms*, in *New-Jersey*, he received a Wound, by which he lost one Leg, and Part of his Thigh: And that he hath not received any Pay since last *July*, and hath due to him Cloathing for One Year; and is utterly incapable of labouring sufficiently for his Support: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to relieve him in the Premises:

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Slocum* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Twelve Pounds* Silver Money, being the Amount of his Wages

to the First of *January*, A. D. 1782: And that Col. *Archibald Crary* deliver him Cloathing, agreeable to the Continental Allowance, which is to be considered as Cloathing for the Year 1782.

A STATE of the Account of Capt. *Henry Dayton*, with the Report of the Auditor thereon, being laid before this Assembly, as followeth, *to wit*:

H. Dayton's
Account:
Balance, £. 5
15 s. 11 d. allowed.

State of *Rhode-Island* in Account current with *Henry Dayton*, for Bounties and other Charges in raising the Company of Men under my Command, in *November* last, to do Duty on *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

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| 1781. } Nov. 21. } | To Cash paid for a Drum-Head, | £ 0 6 0 |
| | Ditto for a Pair of Drum-Snares, | 0 3 0 |
| | Ditto for a Pair of Drum-Sticks, | 0 3 0 |
| | Ditto for a Drum-Head, | 0 1 6 |
| | Ditto Express and Horse-Hire to <i>Providence</i> , | 1 16 9 |
| | Ditto sundry Expences from the 6th to the 21st of <i>November</i> , for public Services in recruiting my Company, | 15 0 0 |
| | Ditto Bounty to 90 Men, per Receipts, | 270 0 0 |
| | Ditto my Expences to <i>Greenwich</i> , | 1 10 0 |
| 26. | Ditto for a Drum-Head, | 0 3 0 |
| 28. | Ditto Horse-Hire and Expences of <i>Jeremiah Rogers</i> , to go to <i>Greenwich</i> , | 0 18 8 |
| | Ditto for an orderly Book, and 1 Quire of Paper, | 0 14 0 |
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| | | £ 290 15 11 |

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| 1781. } Nov. 10. } | Creditor. | |
| | By Cash from Governor <i>Bowen</i> , per his Son, | £ 150 0 0 |
| 12. | By Cash from Ditto, per Mr. <i>Miller</i> , | 30 0 0 |
| 19. | By Cash from Ditto, per Mr. <i>Channing</i> , | 105 0 0 |
| | Balance due to <i>Henry Dayton</i> , | 5 15 11 |
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| | | £ 290 15 11 |

EXAMINED the foregoing Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, find them agree, and the Account right cast.

T. RUMREILL, Auditor.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: And that the Balance of the said Account, being *Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Henry Dayton* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Miller* be and he is hereby appointed a Lieutenant, and Mr. *Olney Stone* an Ensign, in Capt. *Dayton's* Company, now doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*; that they be commissioned accordingly; and that *William Taggart*, Esq; be appointed Muster-Master of the said Company.

B

WHEREAS

H. Dayton allowed £ 20
8s.

WHEREAS Capt. *Henry Dayton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Money paid the Soldiers of his Company, that furnished themselves with Firelocks, and for Arms supplied the Soldiers by himself: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Henry Dayton* out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to devise Ways and Means to supply the Troops.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *William Taggart*, *John Jenckes*, *Jonathan J. Hazard*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Thomas Allin*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to devise the best Ways and Means to supply the Troops doing Duty on the Island of *Rhode-Island* with their Rations for the Winter: And that the said Committee enquire into the Quantities of Beef and Grain supplied by the several Towns, for the Use of the Troops.

R. Potter to remove a Building in *South-Kingstown*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Robert Potter*, Esq; of *South-Kingstown*, be and he is hereby appointed to cause a certain Building of *John Weeden's*, now standing on the State-House Lot in the said Town, to be removed, agreeable to the Contract entered into on the Twenty-eighth of June, A. D. 1775, between *William Potter*, Esq; and the said *John Weeden*: That the said *Robert Potter*, upon compleating the said Business, lay his Account before the General Assembly for Adjustment and Payment: That he pay the Costs, which have arisen upon the Suit brought by the said *John Weeden* against the said *William Potter*, and charge the same in his Account, so that the said *William Potter* may be exonerated from the said Action and Contract: And that thereupon the said *William Potter* sign and execute a Deed of the said Lot on which the said State-House stands to the General-Treasurer of this State, to and for the Use thereof.

Allowance to *E. Wightman*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mrs. *Elizabeth Wightman*, Wife of *George Wightman* (who hath deserted and gone to the Enemy) receive One Half Part of the Rent of the Estate which did late belong unto the said *George Wightman*, for the Support of herself and Family, for the Year A. D. 1781: And that the Tenant pay the other Half into the General-Treasury, agreeable to his Lease.

I. Angell allowed 5106 lb. raw Hides.

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton*, jun. and *William Rhodes*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine into the Contracts made by Col. *Israel Angell* with Messieurs *Gifford* and *Humbrey*, for making Twenty-three Pair of Boots, and Forty-six Pair of Shoes, for the Officers of his Regiment, do report, that the said *Israel Angell* have an Order on Col. *John Topham* for Five Thousand One Hundred and Six Pounds Weight of Hides, to enable him to fulfil his Contracts with the abovesaid *Gifford* and *Humbrey*.

Dec. 12, 1781.

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. } Committee.
WILLIAM RHODES, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the said *Israel Angell*

Angell have an Order on the said *John Topham* for Five Thousand One Hundred and Six Pounds Weight of this State's raw Hides, to enable him to fulfil his Contracts with said *Gifford* and *Humphrey*: That this State be at the Expence of transporting the said Hides to *Providence*: And that the Order heretofore given to the said *Israel Angell* on *Caleb Gardner*, Esq; Commissary of Hides and Tallow, be null and void.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Fenckes* and *Esek Hopkins*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Nathaniel Fales*, jun. for Teaming, and supplying Provision for the Use of the Army; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to examine *N. Fales*, jun. Accounts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That upon *George Irish*, Esq; giving his Note of Hand unto the General-Treasurer of this State for the Time being, for the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Silver Dollars*, payable upon Demand, with Interest until paid, to and for the Use of this State; and upon Mr. *Samuel Dyre*'s paying all Costs of Prosecution and Conviction, and giving Bond for his good Behaviour during the War, that then the said *Samuel Dyre* be discharged from Gaol, where he is now confined at the Suit of this State, and be exonerated from the Fine laid upon him by the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. S. Dyre discharged from Gaol.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *George Irish* shall not be called upon for the said Money, until his Accounts against the State be finally adjusted; and that then the Sum aforesaid shall be deducted from the Balance due to the said *George Irish*, if the same shall amount to the said Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Dollars*.

WHEREAS *Stephen Potter*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Israel Bowen*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*: Valuation of Scituate and Foster.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly to ascertain the Value of the Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*, do report, that we notified the said Towns of the same, who appointed a Committee to attend us, with the Valuation of the said Towns; that we viewed and examined the Farms and Houses upon the Line dividing the Towns; and that the following is their Value, *to wit*:

The Value of the Town of *Scituate* is £ 209,673

The Value of the Town of *Foster* is 150,027

All which is submitted by your Honors humble Servants,

STEPHEN POTTER,
THOMAS HOLDEN,
ISRAEL BOWEN, } Committee.

December 12, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly by Mr. *Jonathan Barber*, of *Exeter*, that he was detached to do Duty in the Continental Army for Three Years, in Capt. *Phineas Kinyon*'s Class, for the said Town; that upon his being so detached he hired a Man to do his P. Kinyon's Class to be re-assessed.

his Duty in the said Service ; and that the Committee for the said Town assessed the said Clafs for a Sum short of what the said *Jonathan Barber* gave for the Man he hired : Whereupon *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to clafs and detach the Men for the said Town of *Exeter* take the Matter into Consideration, and re-adjudge upon the same ; and, if it shall appear unto them that a sufficient Sum hath not been assessed upon the said Clafs to reimburse the said *Jonathan Barber*, that they proceed to re-assess the said Clafs in a sufficient Sum to answer the said Purpose, together with all the reasonable Expences arising thereon.

Quaco, a Negro Man, permitted to go at large.

WHEREAS *Quaco*, a Negro Man, formerly a Slave belonging to *James Honyman*, Esq; of *Newport*, hath represented unto this Assembly, that during the Time that *Newport* was a British Garrison the said *James Honyman* had agreed to sell and dispose of him to Col. *Campbell*, a British Officer : That the Service in a British Regiment being extremely disagreeable to him, he fled from the Island of *Rhode-Island*, at the Peril of his Life, and placed himself under the Protection of the Authority of this State : That from his Representations of the State of the Island of *Rhode-Island*, and all Matters of Fact which came to his Knowledge, the Council of War permitted him to go at large, and have his Liberty : And that since the Evacuation of *Rhode-Island* he is disagreeably alarmed with a Claim upon him as a Slave by Mr. *William Tweedy*, who is Administrator to the Estate of the said *James Honyman* : And thereupon he besought this Assembly to grant him a full and entire Manumission from the Bonds of Slavery. Wherefore *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Quaco* remain in the same Situation he is at present, until the next Session of this Assembly, without being liable to be taken and held as a Slave ; and that in the mean Time the said *William Tweedy* be cited to appear at the next Session of this Assembly, to shew Cause, if any he hath, why the said *Quaco* should not be entirely manumitted, and absolved from his Ties of Slavery and Bondage.

Collectors allowed a further Time.

WHEREAS many of the Collectors of Taxes in this State have neglected to collect and pay into the General-Treasury the Sums assessed upon their respective Towns : And this General Assembly did, at the last Session, direct the General-Treasurer to issue his Warrants of Distress against the Town-Treasurers of each delinquent Town, returnable on *Friday* the Fourteenth of this Inst. *December*, which if put into Execution will greatly distress many of the Inhabitants of this State : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Return Day of the said Warrants be postponed and put off until the Tenth Day of *January* next : And the several Sheriffs of the Counties are hereby required and directed to postpone and delay executing the said Warrants, until the said Tenth Day of *January*, when the Town-Treasurers of all deficient and delinquent Towns are to be proceeded against, agreeable to the said Warrants, which are to be then returned into the General-Treasurer's Office. And in the mean Time the Collectors in their respective Towns are to use their utmost Diligence in collecting and paying into the General-Treasury the Sums deficient.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS an Act of this Assembly, heretofore passed, repealing an Act, entituled, "An Act for the Ease of Prisoners for Debt, so far as the same respects private Debtors," is attended with many Inconveniences, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Act be and the same is hereby repealed: And that the said Act, entituled, "An Act for the Ease of Prisoners for Debt," commonly called the *Thirty per Cent. Act*, be and remain in full Force, so far as the same respects private Debtors. *Provided nevertheless*, That the same shall not extend to any Town-Treasurer, committed upon an Execution issued by the General-Treasurer: Any Thing in the said Acts to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Act repealing the 30 per Cent. Act repealed in Part.

UPON the Accounts of divers Persons exhibited unto this Assembly for erecting a Beacon, and furnishing the Guard at *Watch-Hill* with Provisions, Wood, &c. in the Year 1780, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, to examine the aforementioned Accounts, do report, that there is due unto the Persons named therein the Sum of *Fifty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny Silver Money*.

J. Noyes allowed £ 56 10 s. 5 1/2.

ESEK HOPKINS,
PARDON TILLINGHAST, } Committee:
ISRAEL BOWEN,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Fifty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Fivepence Halfpenny Silver Money*. reported to be due, be paid unto *Joseph Noyes Esq;* out of the General-Treasury, for the Purpose of discharging the said Accounts.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel W. Hookey*, late a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in removing a Number of Persons from *Newport* to *Gloucester* and *Cumberland*, by Order of the General Assembly, summoning a Number of Persons to appear before *Metcalf Bowler, Esq;* one of the Justices of the Superior Court, in the Year 1776, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Ten Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel W. Hookey* out of the General-Treasury.

D. W. Hookey allowed £ 10 1 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Manchester*, of *West-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that by an Act of this Assembly he was to pay unto the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* the Sum of *Sixty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money*, which is due from the Estate of *Gervas Elam*, deceased, unto this State: That he is ready to discharge the said Debt, provided the Sheriff would receive a Note for *Nineteen Pounds and Twopence*, signed by *Charles Holden, jun.* which is funded on real Estates: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order and direct the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, or his Deputy, to receive the said Note in Part Payment of the said Debt:

T. Manchester's Petition.

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AND

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted; and that the said Sheriff receive the said Note, agreeable to the Prayer thereof.

P. Austin allowed £ 6
4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Pasqua Austin*, a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for apprehending sundry Persons, and bringing them before the Justices of the Superior Court, by Virtue of Warrants from one of the Justices of the said Court: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Pasqua Austin* out of the General-Treasury.

F. Perry allowed £ 1
16 s.

WHEREAS *Freeman Perry*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for a Man and Horse to carry the Papers of last *March* Session, belonging to the Secretary's Office, from *Little-Rest* to *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Freeman Perry* out of the General-Treasury.

Flags ordered to *Taunton* River.

It is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, and his Honor the Deputy-Governor, be and they are hereby severally requested to order the two Flags, which have lately sailed from *Providence*, with Prisoners from *Boston* to *New-York*, in order to relieve the Prisoners belonging to the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, into *Taunton* River, to land them: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to write immediately to the Governor of *Massachusetts*, informing him that the said Flags will be sent there, in order that Provision may be made for the Reception of them by the said Commonwealth

B. Gaynor's Petition granted.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Bridget Gaynor*, of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that her Husband *Peter Gaynor* now lives in *New-York*: And that she is far advanced in Years, and is not in a Capacity to maintain herself and Family, and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant her Permission to remove, with her Family and Furniture, to *New-York*, by the next Flag:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Bridget Gaynor* be and she is hereby permitted to go to *New-York* in a Flag, agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition, under the Inspection of *William Taggart*, Esq;

S. Wanton's Petition granted.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Sarah Wanton*, of *Newport*, Widow of *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; late of said *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that this Assembly did give her the Rents of the Farms, late her said Husband's, lying on the Islands of *Jamestown* and *Gould-Island*, for the Support of herself and Family, until the further Order of this Assembly; and prayed this Assembly to indulge her in nominating a Tenant for the said Farms, for the next Year, to be approved by any Person this Assembly may appoint:

AND

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Sarah Wanton* lease the said Island, agreeable to the said Petition, provided the Tenant be approved of by *William Channing*, Esq;

WHEREAS *Stephen Potter*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Israel Bowen*, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the State, for their Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in valuing the Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Silver Money*, be allowed and paid the said *Stephen Potter*, *Thomas Holden*, and *Israel Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Potter, T. Holden, and I. Bowen, allowed £ 9.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; assist, with his Advice, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; in compleating, as soon as may be, the Accounts of this State against the United States: That they call upon all Persons who have Accounts unsettled with the State, to settle and adjust the same immediately: And all Persons who are possessed of any Accounts or Vouchers against the United States, wherein this State is interested, are hereby required and directed forthwith to adjust the same with them.

J. Bowen to advise M. Bowler.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds Eleven Shillings and Twopence Silver Money* (agreeable to the Auditor's Report) be allowed and paid unto *Robert Crook*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in full for his *Negro Slave Dick*, who enlisted into Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment, in the Continental Service.

R. Crook allowed £ 40 11 s. 2 d.

A NOTE given by the General-Treasurer, for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, unto Mr. *John Coddington*, in *March, 1778*, being exhibited to this Assembly, for a Slave enlisted into Col. *Christopher Greene's* Regiment, in the Continental Service, and duly examined by the Auditor, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny Silver Money* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Miss *Mary Coddington*, and Mr. *Nathaniel Coddington*, Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said *John Coddington*, deceased, in full for the said Note.

M. and N. Coddington allowed £ 38 18 s. 1 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, *Esek Hopkins*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esquires, be and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into and adjust all the Claims of Persons, who had their Stock driven off *Rhode-Island*, previous to the Enemy's taking Possession of the said Island, which was made Use of for the Support of the Troops doing Duty, or was appropriated by the State, or otherwise: And that they attend unto the Claims, as exhibited, with the several Proofs and Vouchers thereof, and make Report unto this Assembly at their next Session.

Committee to examine into Stock taken off R. Island.

AND, for the Purpose of giving all the Inhabitants of this State an Opportunity of exhibiting their Claims for the Stock lost, the said Committee are directed to advertise in the *Providence* and *Newport* News-Papers, a Fortnight preceding the Time they intend to meet, of the Time and Place when and where they will attend upon the Business aforesaid.

AND

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the same Committee convene at some suitable Place upon Rhode-Island for that Purpose.

D. Mowry, jun. Account, and he allowed £ 16 10 s.

WHEREAS the following State of the Account of *Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;* was laid before this Assembly, for his Services as a Delegate in the Continental Congress.

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| The State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , to <i>Daniel Mowry, jun.</i> | | Dr. |
| 1781. | To my Time, Expences and Horse-Hire, from the 2d of <i>July</i> , 1781, to the 29th Day of <i>November</i> following, 151 Days, at 30s. per Day, | £ 226 10 0 |

Creditor.

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| 1781. | } By Cash received out of the General-Treasury, By a Grant of the Assembly at <i>October</i> Session, Balance due to <i>Daniel Mowry, jun.</i> | £ 90 0 0 |
| <i>June.</i> | | 120 0 0 |
| | | 16 10 0 |
| | | £ 226 10 0 |

Errors excepted, By *DANIEL MOWRY, jun.*

December 14, 1781.

AND the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel Mowry, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

R. Sephton to draw Rations.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissary of Issues deliver unto *Richard Sephton*, a wounded Soldier, belonging to this State's Continental Battalion, now on Furlough, the Rations which he is entitled to draw as a Soldier, until the First of *April* next: And that during the Time aforesaid, the said *Richard Sephton* be under the Orders and Directions of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to guard the Magazine in *Providence*.

J. Shearman allowed £ 1 1 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the Session in *March* last, granted the Sum of *Two Pounds Two Shillings and Eightpence*, in Bills of the new Emission, to Mr. *James Shearman*, out of the General-Treasury: And as the same hath not been paid, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *James Shearman* receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Pound One Shilling and Fourpence* Silver Money, in Lieu thereof.

N. Heath allowed £ 1 10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Heath* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for stocking three Guns in the Year 1776: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Heath* out of the General-Treasury.

I. Bowen to receive two Notes of Hand.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *James Bates*, of *Coventry*, deliver unto Mr. *Israel Bowen*, of said *Coventry*, two Notes of Hand which were given by Mr. *Joseph Mathewson*, one unto the said *James Bates*, and the other unto *Mary Foster*, which said Notes appear to be the Property

Property of one *Silas Bates*, a Deserter from this State's Battalion in the Continental Service: That the said *Israel Bowen* receive the Money of the said *Joseph Mathewson*, who is directed to pay the same unto him; and that he the said *Israel Bowen* pay the same into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Davis*, and Mr. *Ebenezer Case*, both of *West-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they were recognized for the Appearance of one *Thomas Case* before the Superior Court, in *June*, A. D. 1781, to answer for his being concerned or knowing to the burning of the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; That the said *Thomas Case* did then appear, and the said Recognizance was continued to the Term of *October*, A. D. 1781; at which Term a Bill of Indictment was found against him for a Rape, said to have been committed by him, and thereupon he avoided making his Appearance, and his Recognizance was declared forfeit: And that they have since apprehended the said *Thomas Case*, and committed him to the Gaol in *East-Greenwich*, where he now remains closely confined: And thereupon they prayed that the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* may be directed to receive the Body of the said *Thomas Case*, and that they may be discharged from the Penalty of the Recognizance by them entered into as aforesaid:

Petition of
W. Davis
and *E. Case*
granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *William Davis* and *Ebenezer Case* their paying the Costs upon the aforesaid Recognizance, they be discharged therefrom; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be and he is hereby directed immediately to take into Custody the Body of the said *Thomas Case*, upon the original Charge against him, and also upon the Warrant issued upon the Indictment found against him by the Grand Jury for the County of *Kent*, for an Attempt to commit a Rape.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Russell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Services with four Men to guard the Magazine in the Town of *Providence*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Russell* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Russell allowed £ 7
10 s.

A PAY-ABSTRACT being exhibited unto this Assembly, of a Serjeant and Six Men who did Duty from the 10th of *April* to the 25th of *October*, A. D. 1779, as the Beacon-Guard on *Little-Redd Hill*, by Order of the Honorable Major-General *Gates*: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Ninety-three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury unto the respective Persons therein named, agreeable to the said Abstract, in full Discharge thereof.

Pay-Abstract
of the Beacon
Guard at
Little-Redd
allowed: £ 93
12 s.

WHEREAS *Rouse J. Helme*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly a Report upon the Account of *Robert Stanton*, Esq; for Provisions furnished a Number of Soldiers upon General *Sullivan's* Expedition against *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1778, as follows, *to wit*:

R. Stanton
allowed £ 27
8 s.

THE Subscriber being appointed to examine into and report what ought to be allowed upon the Account of *Robert Stanton*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly, begs Leave to represent, that in his Opinion the said *Robert Stanton* ought to be paid the Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money. All which is submitted by your humble Servant,

ROUSE J. HELME.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the said Sum of *Twenty-seven Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Robert Stanton* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Flagg's
Conduct ap-
proved.

UPON the Representation of *Josiah Flagg*, Esq; Commissary of military Stores for this State, laid before this Assembly, for the Expenditure of Ammunition committed to his Care, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Josiah Flagg's* Conduct with Respect to the public Stores is satisfactory to this Assembly.

W. Brown
allowed £ 6
12 s.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Council of War to ascertain what Sum of Money shall be paid unto Mr. *William Brown*, of *Dighton*, for a Ship's Stove that was raken up in the Harbour of *Newport*, by *William* and *Seth Presbury's* Boat, of *Taunton*, the Day after the Enemy evacuated *Newport*, do report, that the said Stove was sold by Order of the Authority of this State, by *John Jenckes*, Esq; to Mr. *Nathaniel Saunders*, February 22, A. D. 1780; that it weighed 1100 lb. at *Eight Shillings* Continental Money per lb. which amounts to *One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars and Two Thirds*: And having heard Mr. *Brown* on the Subject, do award him to have One Half the said Sum it sold for, which reduced according to the Scale of Depreciation amounts to the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Four Shillings* Silver Money, the One Half of which Sum for the said *William Brown* is *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money. All which is submitted by your humble Servants,

JABEZ BOWEN,
ESEK HOPKINS.

Providence, September 20, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the said Sum of *Six Pounds Twelve Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *William Brown* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Little-
field to ap-
pear before
this Assem-
bly.

WHEREAS Application hath been made unto this Assembly in Behalf of Capt. *William Littlefield*, that he may have Liberty to appear before this Assembly, in order to vindicate his Character, which he says hath been unjustly aspersed: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Littlefield* have Liberty, at any Time within Seven Days previous to the Sitting of the next Session of this Assembly, to deliver him-
self

self up to his Excellency the Governor; and that he appear before the next Session of this Assembly to represent his Case truly.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Dwelling-Farm-House on the Farm late belonging to *George Rome* is untenantable, late, Rome's to be shingled. by Reason of the Roof's leaking where it has been burnt by Accident: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Silas Gardner*, the present Tenant on the said Farm, shingle the Roof of the said House so far as to make it tight, under the Direction of *Peter Phillips*, Esq; and that the Account of the Expence thereof be laid before this Assembly when the Work be done.

UPON the Account of Mr. *Caleb Barber*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for Corn furnished for the Use of the Troops doing Duty within this State, in *August*, A. D. 1780, and his Expences in procuring the same, C. Barber allowed £ 8 3 s. 6 d. the following Report was made, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Caleb Barber*, beg Leave to report, that we have examined the same, and find an Overcharge of *One Pound Ten Shillings*; and that there remains due to the said *Caleb Barber* the Sum of *Eight Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money*.

WILLIAM RHODES,
MOSES LIPPITT.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Eight Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money* be allowed and paid the said *Caleb Barber* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Sands* (Son of Col. *Ray Sands*) had Liberty of this Assembly to go upon *Block-Island*, to take Care of his Father's Farm on the said Island; and the said *Ray Sands* having leased his said Farm, the said *Robert Sands* is desirous of returning: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Robert Sands* be and he is hereby permitted to return upon the Main. R. Sands permitted to return from Block-Island.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolution of the Council of War, passed the Tenth Day of *November* last, respecting Mr. *Oliver R. Warner's* receiving "two Iron Four-Pound Cannon from the Battery on *Brenton's Neck*, One from the North Battery at *Newport*, One from the Ten Rod Road at *North-Kingstown*, and One Pair of Three-Pound Cannon where he can find them within this State, with the Utensils thereunto belonging, he giving a Receipt to the Persons that deliver him the said Guns," be and the same is hereby declared null and void. O. R. Warner to return Cannon.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *Oliver R. Warner* immediately replace all the Cannon, Rammers, Spunges, Ladles, Drag-Ropes, Powder, Shot and Utensils, which he took from this State, by Virtue or under Pretence of the aforesaid Resolution, the said Cannon, Stores, Utensils, &c. being the Property of the United States.

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AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolution, with a Duplicate thereof, to the said Oliver R. Warner, at Middletown, in Connecticut.

D. Byrne paroled.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Dennis Byrne, a Person who was in the Ship *Mars*, that was stranded upon *New-Schorham*, have his Parole to reside within this State: That the Claimants, Owners of the Privateer which captured the said Ship *Mars*, and the Persons who saved the Cargo of the said Ship, and brought the same into *East-Greenwich*, pay the Expence of the said *Dennis Byrne*, and his Woman Servant, who hath been at the Prison-House until this Time: And that the said *Dennis Byrne* support himself, and his said Servant, from this Time.

W. Tobey allowed £ 5 2 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Tobey*, Executor of Dr. *Elisba Tobey*, deceased, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Attendance of the said *Elisba Tobey* on a Number of wounded Soldiers at *Howland's Ferry*, in Feb. A.D. 1777: Which being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Two Shillings Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Tobey* out of the General-Treasury.

J. M. Varnum allowed £ 109.

WHEREAS *James M. Varnum*, Esq; one of the Delegates from this State in the Continental Congress, presented unto this Assembly the following Account for his Services, to wit:

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| The State of Rhode-Island to <i>James M. Varnum</i> , | Dr. |
| To my Time and Expences in the Service of the said State; from Nov. 28, 1780, to Nov. 29, 1781, being 366 Days, at 30s. per Day, | £ 549 0 0 |

Creditor.

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| By Cash, in Paper Money, £ 12,000, at 100 for 1, is | } | £ 120 0 0 |
| in Silver, | | |
| By Cash received by a Draught on the Treasurer, and paid by Order of the State, | } | 80 0 0 |
| By Cash received by the Hands of Mr. Mowry, | | |
| By Cash received of the Treasurer, by Order of Governor Bowen, | } | 120 0 0 |
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| | | £ 440 0 0 |
| Balance due <i>James M. Varnum</i> . | | 109 0 0 |

£ 549 0 0

JAMES M. VARNUM.

East-Greenwich, Dec. 14, 1781.

AND the said Account being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Balance thereof, being One Hundred and Nine Pounds Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *James M. Varnum* out of the General-Treasury.

A. Whipple discharged from C. Elletts Debt, in case.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if *Abraham Whipple*, Esq; shall produce a Certificate from the Navy-Board at *Boston*, that the Debt due from

from him unto *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; was incurred for the public Account, and that they are not in Cash to pay the same, that in such Case the said *Abraham Whipple* be discharged from the said Debt: And that this Assembly will make Provision for the Payment thereof, with Interest.

It is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to the Council of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, requesting that *David Tuman*, who enlisted into this State's Continental Battalion, may be sent into this State, and delivered up to the Authority thereof, in order to discover some pernicious Transactions in recruiting: And that *George Popple*, who was had before this Assembly for Mal-Practice, in enlisting the said *David Tuman* by the Name of *John Smith*, appear before the next Session, in order to answer to said Crime alledged against him.

WHEREAS there is not sufficient Provision made, by Law, for calling to Account the Collectors of Taxes, who make Distraint of Goods and Chattels, for the Payment of any Taxes within this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Councils of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby empowered to call upon the several Collectors of Taxes, within their respective Towns, to settle with such Town-Council upon any Distraint and Sale of any Goods and Chattels by them made, from any Person or Persons, for the Payment of any Tax or Taxes heretofore ordered: And that if any Money shall appear to be in the Hands of any Collector, the said Town-Councils shall order the same to be appropriated towards the Payment of any Tax or Taxes that hath already been, or shall be, assessed on the Person or Persons whose Goods or Chattels have been distrained as aforesaid.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That, for the future, when any Collector shall make Distraint of any Goods and Chattels for the Payment of any Tax or Taxes in this State, he shall, within Three Days from the Time of the Sale of the said Goods and Chattels, leave an Account with the Town-Council of such Town where the same shall be sold, of the Names of the Persons whose Stock or other Property he hath distrained and sold for the Payment of Taxes, and the Amount of the Sales of the same: That the said Collectors shall, once in Three Months, settle and adjust their Accounts with the said Town-Councils of their respective Towns: And that, if any Money shall remain in any Collector's Hands, after paying the said Tax, and all lawful Costs arising thereon, the said Town Councils shall order it to be appropriated for the Payment of the next Tax which shall be assessed upon the Person or Persons distrained from as aforesaid.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Town-Councils be and they are hereby empowered and directed, at any Time when Complaint or Information shall be made to them that any Collector of Taxes, of their respective Towns, hath distrained any Goods or Chattels as aforesaid, and hath not accounted for the same, to summon such Collector to appear before them, to render an Account, and pay the Surplus Money arising from the Sale of Goods and Chattels distrained as aforesaid. And in case any such Collector shall neglect or

refuse to appear, and render such Account, and pay the said Surplus Money, when required thereto as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay as a Fine double the Amount of the Taxes which shall have been distrained for by him as aforesaid, and also all Costs respecting the same, for the Use of the Town, to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer of the Town to which such Collector shall belong, by Bill, Plaint or Information, before any Court of Record in the State.

Ordered, That this Act be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers.

Estimate of
Provisions
for H. Day-
son's Com-
pany, &c.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, *William Taggart*, *Jonathan J. Hazard*, and *Thomas Holden*, Esquires, and Mr. *Thomas Allin*, laid before this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

THAT there are now doing Duty at *Newport* and *Providence* Ninety-eight Men, Officers included, under the Command of Capt. *Henry I. Dayton*, belonging to this State, and are to do Duty until the First Day of *April*, A. D. 1782 ; and that it appears to your Committee, that the said Officers and Men have a Right to draw One Hundred and Five Rations per Day, which will in Four Months (from the First of *December* to the First Day of *April*) amount to Nineteen Thousand and Fifty-seven Pounds Weight and One Half of Beef, Nineteen Thousand and Fifty-seven Pounds Weight and One Half of Meal, Four Hundred Bushels of Potatoes, One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Weight of Soap, One Hundred and Eight Pounds Weight of Candles, and Sixty-five Cords of Wood.

YOUR Committee beg Leave further to report, that it is their Opinion, that the Troops be supplied with one Half salted Provisions, and the other Half with fresh Beef : That the Provisions, &c. be delivered to Lieut. *James Miller*, of the said Corps, who shall receive as extra Pay, for issuing the same, *Three Pounds* Silver Money per Month : That the fresh Beef be supplied out of this State's Proportion, agreed to be furnished for the Continental Army, for the Month of *December* inst. and the salted Provisions out of that which is in this State, belonging to the Continent : That the Corn and Potatoes be delivered out of the Rents of the State's Farms, and the Candles and Soap be supplied out of the Tallow that belongs to the State, now in the Store of *John Jenckes* : And that the Wood be furnished by the Assistant Deputy Quarrier-Master General, and delivered to the aforesaid *James Miller*. As there are no Accounts of the Quantity of Beef and Corn supplied by the several Towns, we cannot say any Thing on that Subject. All which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly, by, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble Servants,

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| JOHN JENCKES, | } Committee. |
| WILLIAM TAGGART, | |
| JONATHAN J. HAZARD, | |
| THOMAS HOLDEN, | |
| THOMAS ALLIN, | |

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

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A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That One Ration per Day be issued to each of the following Persons in the Staff-Department, to wit: *Robert Crook*, Assistant Quarter-Master, *John B. Pinnegar*, Store-Keeper, *William Engs*, Clerk, *Samuel Bosworth*, Store-Keeper, and *Reuben Chilson*, Waggoner and Hostler. And it is recommended to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. to discharge all the other Persons employed in his Department, as the Reasons for their further Continuance in Office do not appear to this Assembly any longer to exist.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. hath represented unto this Assembly, that a Number of Officers in the Army have applied to him to have their Horses supplied with Forage; that some Horses will be necessary to be employed in this State, and that he is not in Cash to enable him to furnish the necessary Forage: And this Assembly taking the aforesaid Representation into Consideration, and also the exhausted State of the Treasury, *Do Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That it is out of the Power of this State to furnish Money to enable the said *Benjamin Bourne* to supply Forage for the Officers who may reside occasionally within the same; and that it is incompatible with the Finances of this State at present to furnish the Means of purchasing Forage for more than Four Horses, which Number appears to this Assembly to be more immediately necessary at present in the Quarter-Master's Department.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ichabod Potter* be and he is hereby appointed Captain, *Noel Potter* Lieutenant, and *Joseph Burges* Ensign, of the First Company of Militia in the Town of *Coventry*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, *Rufus Hopkins*, and *William Rhodes*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into and audit all the Accounts for Charter-Parties of Vessels, or Freight of Provisions, which *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. chartered or freighted to sail with the Fleet of His Most Christian Majesty, with Provisions, under the Orders of his Excellency General *Washington*: Saving and excepting the Charter-Party or Freight of the Vessel which Capt. *Rufus Barton* commanded, who returned without having prosecuted his Voyage.

A N D it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee carefully attend to the respective Times of the Discharge of the said Vessels, and enquire whether the Owners of said Vessels have fulfilled their Part of the Contract: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session, of the Sums respectively due, if any.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A. D. Q. M. G. be and he is hereby empowered to receive the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds* in Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, in order to defray the Expence of his Department: And that he account therefor.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That each and every Town within this State furnish this General Assembly, at the next Session, with a true, exact and accurate Copy of the Rate-Bill, for each respective Town, for

Forage to be
procured for
four Horses.

Committee
to settle Ac-
counts for
Vessels char-
tered.

B. Bourne al-
lowed £300.

Rate-Bills to
be furnished.

for assessing their Proportion of the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Silver Money upon the Inhabitants thereof: That the said Copy of the Rate-Bill be attested by the Town-Clerk of each respective Town; and that a Certificate upon the said Rate-Bill be made, declaring what the Poll-Tax is in each Town respectively.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That each and every Town which shall neglect to furnish a Copy as aforesaid, shall be considered as not having their full Proportion of Assessments laid upon them.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That this Act be published in the *Providence Gazette*.

Committee
to enquire
into the De-
ficiencies of
Beef and
Corn.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Stanton*, and *Jonathan J. Hazard*, Esquires, and *Mr. Samuel J. Potter*, be and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire what Towns are deficient in furnishing their Quotas of Beef and Grain, agreeable to the Requisitions of this Assembly; and that they make Report accordingly.

R. Potter to
receive
Boards, &c.
of *W. Potter*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Robert Potter*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to receive into his Possession all the Boards, Lime, Nails, and every other Article that *William Potter*, Esq; purchased for the Purpose of building the State-House in the County of *Washington*, which has not been appropriated for that Purpose: And the said *William Potter* is hereby directed to deliver the said Articles to the said *Robert Potter*, and take his Receipt for the same: And the said *Robert Potter* is further directed to make Use of so much of the Nails and Lime as may be necessary for the removing and compleating of the House belonging to *John Weeden*, which is ordered to be removed at the Expence of this State; and to remove all the Boards that remain in the lower Part of the said State-House into the Garret, and have them safely secured.

P. Treby ad-
mitted to
take the
Oath of Al-
legiance.

WHEREAS *Mr. Peter Treby*, Son of the late *Mr. Peter Treby*, of *Newport*, deceased, who hath been absent from this State for the Space of Six Years, at *Gospee*, in the River *St. Lawrence*, made Application to this Assembly to have the Liberty of taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Peter Treby* be admitted to take the Oath of Allegiance before *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; and that he be entitled to all the Privileges he would have had, had he not been absent from this State as aforesaid.

T. Bissell to
account with
S. Gardner
for Meal.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that there was left at *Mr. Thomas Bissell's* Mill, in *North-Kingstown*, a Quantity of *Indian Meal*, which was liable to spoil, belonging to this State, when the Militia was discharged in *March* last, and the said *Thomas Bissell* was ordered by this Assembly to dispose of the same, which hath not yet been accounted for: Whereupon, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Bissell* pay the Amount of the Sales thereof unto *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; And the said *Sylvester Gardner* is hereby directed to pay the same into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. George Lawton, of Newport, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that about Five Years since, when a Soldier in Col. Cooke's Regiment, in this State's Service, he received a Wound from the Enemy, while they were in Possession of Rhode-Island, by which he lost his left Foot, and the Use of two of his Fingers; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief: G. Lawton allowed £ 9.

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said George Lawton be and he is hereby empowered to receive the Sum of Nine Pounds Silver Money out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS it is necessary that the Lot of Land lying in Hopkinton, and the two House-Lots lying in North-Kingstown, formerly the Property of Thomas Cutter, which have been confiscated to and for the Use of this State, should be sold: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Washington be and he is hereby directed to dispose of the said Tracts of Land, at public Vendue, after advertising the same Thirty Days, for the Money emitted by this State which is funded on real Estates, or Gold and Silver, or Certificates given by Charles Holden, Esq; Commissary of Purchases: And that the said Sheriff pay into the General-Treasury the Money arising from the Sale thereof: And the General-Treasurer is hereby directed and empowered to give a good Warranty Deed of the said Tracts of Land unto the Purchaser or Purchasers. Land formerly T. Cutter's to be sold.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of the Peace, or any one of them, in the respective Towns where Depredations and Destruction have been committed by the Enemy, during the present War, cause two or more reputable Citizens to estimate the said Damages, according to the Value of the Articles thus injured or destroyed, specifying the Numbers, Quantities and Qualities of such Articles; and distinguishing between those wantonly destroyed, and those destroyed in the usual Prosecution of War: That the said Justices cause Affidavits to be made to such Estimates, and make Return thereof to the next Session of this Assembly: And that Copies of this Act be published in the Newport and Providence News-Papers. Damages committed by the Enemy to be estimated.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Archibald Crary, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Six Hundred Silver Dollars out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to compleat the Payment of the Purchase of Cloathing for this State's Continental Regiment, and the Payment of the Taylors Bills for making the Cloathing: And that he lay his Accounts before this Assembly at the next Session, for Settlement. A. Crary allowed 600 Dollars.

WHEREAS Welcome Arnold, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Rum-Casks supplied *Charles Holden*, Esq; Commissary of Purchases: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Sixteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Welcome Arnold out of the General-Treasury. W. Arnold allowed £ 16 13s. 4d.

E. Hopkins
allowed £ 1
16 s.

WHEREAS *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time in examining into the State's Stores, &c. Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money thereof be allowed and paid the said *Ezek Hopkins* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Demount
allowed £ 4
14 s. 2 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Demount* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, of himself and Assistant, in going from *Providence* to *Coven-try*, to estimate Cattle for the Use of the Continental Army: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence* Silver Money thereof be allowed and paid the said *John Demount* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Arnold to
draw 400
Dollars.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Four Hundred Silver Dollars* out of the General-Treasury, for *William Ellery* and *Ezekiel Cornell*, Esquires, Delegates for this State in Congress: That the said *Welcome Arnold* be requelled to send *Two Hundred Dollars* thereof to each of the said Delegates, at *Philadelphia*; and that they account to this State for the same.

B. Bourne to
exchange
Provisions
for Salt.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. hath represented unto this Assembly, that he hath a Quantity of salted Provisions in his Possession belonging to the United States, a Part of which will unavoidably spoil very soon for the Want of Salt; and that it is out of his Power to purchase the Salt necessary for the Purpose of repacking the said Provisions: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be and it is hereby recommended to the said *Benjamin Bourne*, to exchange a Part of the said Provisions for Salt, in order to repack such of said Provisions as may be likely to spoil.

T. Wells al-
lowed £ 6
8 s.

WHEREAS *Thomas Wells*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for purchasing Beef and Corn for the Use of the Troops doing Duty in this State, in the Year 1780, and driving the Beef to *East-Greenwich*: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Wells* out of the General-Treasury.

C. Ellery to
receive Beef
from *Tiverton*.

WHEREAS Capt. *Henry Dayton* hath represented unto this Assembly, that his Company of Men, now doing Duty at *Newport*, were supplied with Beef by *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; (when they could not get any other Supply) to the Amount of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds Weight: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Town of *Tiverton* deliver to the said *Christopher Ellery* the said Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds Weight of Beef, out of their past Deficiency.

Committee
to write to
the Dele-
gates.

WHEREAS by a late Resolution of Congress the Sum of *Two Hundred and Sixteen Thousand Silver Dollars* was required of this State, payable in the Year 1782, and to be subject to the Disposition of *Robert Morris*, Esq; Financier-General of the United States: And whereas the Abilities of this State will not admit of collecting and paying the said Sum in Money, agreeable to the said Resolution, *It is thereupon Voted and*

and Resolved, That the Delegates of this State in Congress be instructed to confer with the said *Robert Morris*, respecting the receiving of such Articles of the Produce of this State as can be furnished for the Use of the Army, in Payment of so much of the said Sum required of this State as aforesaid, as the same shall amount to at the Prices to be agreed upon, and to request that the Sums of Money, which may from Time to Time be collected and paid agreeable to the said Resolution, may be expended within this State, that the Inhabitants thereof may not be deprived of a circulating Medium, without which a full Compliance with the said Resolution will be impracticable.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; *Roufe J. Helme*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to draught a Letter, to be signed by his Excellency the Governor, if approved by him, communicating the foregoing Resolutions to the said Delegates, and requesting an Answer for the Information of this Assembly, at the next Session: And that the said Letter be transmitted in such Manner as the said Committee may think adviseable, so that an Answer may be seasonably obtained.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for printing several Acts of the General Assembly, advertising Deserters, and for the Postage of Letters, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds Two Shillings and Elevenpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Carter* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Carter allowed £ 6
2 s. 11 d.

UPON the Petition of *Edward Peirce*, a Soldier in this State's Regiment of Artillery in the Year 1778, representing unto this Assembly, that on the Seventeenth Day of *April*, in the same Year, while on Duty, he had the Mistortune to lose his right Arm by the firing of a Gun, which has rendered him unable to support himself and Family, and praying this Assembly to grant him Relief; the following Report was made, *to wit* :

E. Peirce allowed £ 20.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly to take into Consideration the aforesaid Petition, and to ascertain the Sum that ought to be allowed yearly to the said *Edward Peirce*, beg Leave to report, that in our Opinion he ought to receive *One Pound Ten Shillings* Silver Money per Month from the 24th Day of *January*, 1780 (being the Time he was discharged from the Service) during his natural Life; it being Half the Pay that he then drew as a Serjeant in the said Service: That there is now due to the said *Edward Peirce* the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* Silver Money: And that he is not entitled to any other Allowance whatever. All which is submitted by your Honors humble Servants,

ESEK HOPKINS,
A. CRARY.

East-Greenwich, Dec. 15, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the said Sum of *Twenty Pounds* Silver Money be paid to Major *Job Pierce*, for the Use of the said *Edward Peirce*, out of the General-Treasury.

UPON

M. Boone allowed £ 10. UPON the Petition of the Town-Council of *North-Kingstown*, representing unto this Assembly, that *Margaret Boone*, Wife of *Samuel Boone*, jun. an Absentee, hath been sick for several Months past, and is in a suffering Condition, with Five Children; and praying this Assembly to grant her some Allowance from the Estate late belonging to *Samuel Boone*, senior, Father to the said *Samuel Boone*, jun. which has been confiscated to and for the Use of this State; the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Subject-Matter of the foregoing Petition, do report, that it is our Opinion the said *Margaret Boone* be allowed the Sum of *Ten Pounds* Silver Money out of the Rent of the State's Farm in *Exeter*, formerly belonging to *Samuel Boone*, senior, who deserted to the Enemy: Which Sum we think ought to be paid to *Benjamin Davis*, Esq; Town-Treasurer of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, out of this Year's Rent of the said Farm, to be dealt out to her the said *Margaret Boone*. Which is submitted to the Honorable the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM TAGGART,
JOHN WEEDEN,
N. GARDNER, jun. } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds* Silver Money be paid to the said *Benjamin Davis*, for the Use of the said *Margaret Boone*, out of this Year's Rent due on the said Farm.

W. Arnold to pay Money into the General-Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; be and he is hereby requested to receive and pay into the General-Treasury the Sum of *Thirty-one Dollars* of the new Continental Emission, and *Ten Dollars* of the old Emission, which *John Reynolds*, Esq; late Agent-Clothier, hath sent to this Assembly, being Money he received of the Collector of the Town of *Warwick*, to purchase Blankets.

T. Holden appointed Chairman of the Committees for dividing the Poor, &c. between *Scituate* and *Foster*. WHEREAS it is necessary that the Poor of the Town of *Scituate*, and the Debts due to and from the said Town before its late Division, and the Monies which remained in the Treasury of the said Town at the Time of the Division, should be equitably divided between the Towns of *Scituate* and *Foster*, agreeable to the Act passed at the last Session of this Assembly for proportioning the Taxes to the said Towns; and as the said Towns have appointed Committees for dividing the said Poor, Taxes, Monies, &c. and it may happen, that some Doubts or Difficulties may arise between the two Committees in adjusting the same, and the Representatives of both the said Towns have agreed that *Thomas Holden*, Esq; should be appointed Chairman of both the said Committees, to have a turning Voice in Matters wherein the said Committees cannot agree, and that his Determination shall be final and binding:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said *Thomas Holden* be and he is hereby appointed Chairman of both the said Committees: That in all Cases where the said Committees cannot agree, the said *Thomas Holden* be and he is hereby empowered to adjudge and determine
all

all such controverted Matters, which Determination shall be final : That the said Committee also consider what is due from the said Towns, for Articles required of them by the Acts of Government, and settle and adjust the same, with all other Matters unsettled between the said two Towns : That said Committees meet at such Time and Place as shall be agreed on by them, at the Expence of the Town by which they are respectively appointed; and that the said *Thomas Holden* be paid for his Services by the said Towns, in Proportion to the State Taxes respectively paid by the said Towns.

WHEREAS the Council of War did direct the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* to take certain Goods, Cloathing, &c. which belonged unto the United States, in the Hands of *John Reynolds*, Esq; late Deputy-Clothier, and deliver the same unto *Archibald Crary*, Esq; And whereas it appears that great Part of the said Goods and Cloathing are damaged, and some of them entirely spoiled : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Archibald Crary* immediately write unto ——— *Meyland*, Esq; Clothier-General of the United States, and inform him of the Quantity and Condition of the same, and request him to give Orders respecting the Disposition of the said Articles.

A. Crary to write to the Clothier-General.

WHEREAS *William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, written upon the Copy of an Order passed by this Assembly at the last Session, for taking into his Possession all the real Estate of *Daniel Brown*, to wit :

Sheriff of *Newport's* Report upon Land of *D. Brown*.

By Virtue of the within Command, I have this Day taken into Possession all the real Estate of the said *Daniel Brown*, it being the One Half of two Tracts of undivided Land, lying in *Tiverton*; one Part containing about One Hundred Acres, with a Dwelling-House and other Buildings thereon standing, and is butted and bounded Easterly on the Eight Rod Road, so called, Southerly on Land of *Pardon Gray*, Esq; Westerly on *Sapowit Swamp*, and Northerly on a Three Rod Way; the other Tract of Land lies in *Sapowit*, and contains about Seventy Acres, and is bounded Easterly on a Highway, Southerly and Westerly on the salt Water, and Northerly on Land of *Abraham Brown*; and have left a Certificate at the Town-Clerk's Office in said *Tiverton* of the aforementioned Vote, and described Premises.

WILLIAM DAVIS, Sheriff.

Tiverton, November 5, 1781.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Thurston* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Beef furnished for the Use of the Troops doing Duty within this State, in September, A. D. 1780: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Thurston* out of the General-Treasury.

T. Thurston allowed £ 5 19 s. 6 d.

W. Tefft allowed £ 4.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for carting Corn to *Bissel's* Mills, and driving Beef to *Providence, &c.* for the Use of the Troops, in *August*, A. D. 1780: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Balance due thereon of *Four Pounds* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *William Tefft* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Rhodes allowed £ 19
6 s. 2½.

UPON the Account of *William Rhodes*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in driving Cattle from this State to the Continental Army, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the above mentioned Account of *William Rhodes*, do report, that we have examined the same, with the Vouchers, and that there is a Balance due to the said *William Rhodes* of *Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny* Silver Money. Which we submit to the Honorable the Assembly.

SAMUEL J. POTTER,
NICHOLAS GARDNER, jun. } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance due on the said Account, being *Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *William Rhodes* out of the General-Treasury.

B. Waite allowed £ 10
1 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriab Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, amounting to *Eleven Pounds Three Shillings*, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences and Aid, in apprehending a Number of Persons belonging to the Towns of *Exeter* and *South-Kingstown*, by Order of the Superior Court, summoning Evidences, &c. and the following Report was made thereon, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly a Committee to adjust the Account of *Beriab Waite*, beg Leave to report, that we have examined the same, and find an Overcharge of *One Pound Two Shillings* Silver Money. Which is submitted by your Honors humble Servants,

WILLIAM HAMMOND,
STEPHEN POTTER,
MOSES LIPPITT.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds One Shilling* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Beriab Waite* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

T. Babcock allowed £ 14
14 s.

UPON the Account of Mr. *Thomas Babcock*, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Expences and Aid, in apprehending a Number of Persons belonging to *West-Greenwich*,

which, suspected of burning the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; and summoning a Number of Evidences, by Order of the Superior Court, &c. the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the Account of the said *Thomas Babcock*, beg Leave to report, that we proceeded upon the said Business, and find an Overcharge of *Sixteen Shillings* Silver Money. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,

MOSES LIPPITT,
STEPHEN POTTER,
WILLIAM HAMMOND.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Thomas Babcock* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

UPON the Account of *Preserved Pearce*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, amounting to *Thirty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings*, exhibited unto this Assembly, for his Time, Expences and Aid, in apprehending a Number of Persons, suspected of burning the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; summoning a Number of Evidences, by Order of the Superior Court, for removing Prisoners from the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, to the Gaols in the Counties of *Newport* and *Providence*, &c. the following Report was made, *to wit* :

P. Pearce allowed £ 26
8 s.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the Account of the said *Preserved Pearce*, beg Leave to report, that we proceeded upon said Business, and find an Overcharge of *Six Pounds Five Shillings* Silver Money. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,

STEPHEN POTTER,
WILLIAM HAMMOND,
MOSES LIPPITT.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-six Pounds Eight Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Preserved Pearce* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John I. Clark*, *Christopher Ellery*, *William Channing*, *Theodore Foster*, and *Rouse J. Helme*, Esquires, be and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into and ascertain the just Value of the Debts upon Securities which this State owes to Individuals, or which are owing unto this State; and to make a Scale of the Value of the Debts, according to the several Periods when contracted, so that the same may be known and ascertained in real Money; and that they make Report thereof to the next Session.

Committee to ascertain the Value of Debts due to and from the State.

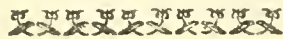
WHEREAS Mr. *John Williams* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for forwarding Supplies for the

J. Williams allowed £ 4
16 s.

the Use of the Troops doing Duty within this State, in the Month of *August*, 1780: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds Sixteen Skillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *John Williams* out of the General-Treasury.

Justices of
the Peace
appointed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Natbaniel Phillips*, and *Nebemiah Arnold*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Foster*: And *Jonathan Harris*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Gloucester*.



An A C T proportioning the Quantity of Sixty Thousand Pounds Weight of Beef, to the several Towns within this State, for supplying the Army, being the Quota of this State, for the Month of *December*, A. D. 1781.

Act for sup-
plying the
Army with
Beef.

W H E R E A S it is indispensably necessary, that the said Quota of Beef should, as soon as possible, be furnished by this State, agreeable to the Requisitions of the Honorable the Continental Congress, and his Excellency General *Washington*, for regularly furnishing the Army monthly with Provisions:

B E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Towns herein after named shall, on the 31st Day of *December* inst. procure and deliver, at the Dwelling-House of Mr. *Israel Bowen*, in *Coventry*, the Quantity of good merchantable Beef respectively affixed to them, to *William Rhodes*, Esq; who is appointed to receive the same, and give his Receipt therefor, to wit:

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| | lb. | |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 4314 | |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 4013 | |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 2140 | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 3170 | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 1823 | |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 2475 | |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 1288 | |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 920 | |
| <i>Foster,</i> | 1532 | |
| | — | 21675 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 1946 | |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 2982 | |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 6065 | |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 1631 | |
| <i>Richmond</i> | 1412 | |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 2064 | |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 1804 | |
| | — | 17904 |

Bristol,

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| | lb. | |
| <i>Bristol,</i> | 1309 | |
| <i>Warren,</i> | 783 | |
| <i>Barrington,</i> | 616 | |
| | — | 2708 |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 3533 | |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 1597 | |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 1471 | |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 2007 | |
| | — | 8608 |

AND whereas it hath become necessary that a Garrison should be kept at *Rhode-Island*, who are enlisted for the Term of Five Months, and must therefore be furnished with Provisions, which are to be partly salted, and partly fresh: *It is therefore further Enacted*, That the Towns in the County of *Newport* be and they hereby are required to procure, and deliver to Col. *John Topham*, the Quantities of Beef respectively affixed to them, on or before the said 31st Day of *December*, to wit: ,

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| | lb. |
| <i>Newport,</i> | 3070 |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 1023 |
| <i>Middletown,</i> | 662 |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 341 |
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | 2217 |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 1792 |
| | — |
| | 9105 |

AND that the said *John Topham* kill and salt up the said Beef, delivered to him as aforesaid, excepting such Part as he may think proper to deliver fresh for the Use of said Garrison, from Time to Time, to Lieutenant *John Miller*, appointed at this Session to receive and deliver out the same to the Amount of the Rations which shall become due to the said Garrison; and that the said *John Topham* keep an exact Account of the Weight of the Beef delivered to him by the said Towns as aforesaid, and that he also keep an exact Account of the Weight of the Hides and Tallow, and preserve the same in the best Manner for the Use of the State, and render an Account of his Proceedings herein to the next Session.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Mr. *John Demout* be and he is hereby appointed to appraise the Weight of the said Beef, and adjudge the Quality thereof, and that he keep an exact Account of his Proceedings as heretofore, and return the same to the General Assembly at the next Session.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *William Rhodes* shall forthwith, upon receiving the Beef delivered at *Coventry* as aforesaid, drive on the same for the Use of the said Army, and deliver the same to the Commissary-General, or his Order.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any or either of the said Towns shall refuse or neglect to procure and deliver the said Beef, as required by this Act, the said *William Rhodes*, or *John Topham*, according as the Delinquency may happen, are required to certify unto the Sheriff of the County within whose Precinct such delinquent Town lies, that such Town hath not procured the Beef herein assessed against such Town: And the Sheriff of such County within whose District such delinquent Town lies, is hereby directed and empowered forthwith, upon Receipt of such Certificate, to repair, with sufficient Aid, into such delinquent Town, and there to seize and distrain double the Quantity of Beeves, or neat Cattle, as will make the Weight required and assessed against such Town, and have the Quantity assessed against said Town delivered at *Coventry*, on the Sixth Day of *January* next, to be appraised by said *John Demount*; and the remaining Part the said Sheriff shall sell at public Vendue, and the Monies arising from the Sale thereof, after deducting the Expence which shall accrue unto the Sheriff, shall be paid into the General-Treasury.

A N D be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Sheriff shall, when he makes the Seizure and Distrainment as aforesaid, keep an Account of the Numbers, Marks, natural and artificial, of the Beeves or neat Cattle so taken; and shall, within One Week after such Seizure and Distrainment as aforesaid, lodge in the Town-Clerk's Office of such Town where the Distrainment is made a Copy thereof, that the Owner or Owners of such Beeves, or neat Cattle, may have satisfactory Payment therefor, from such delinquent Town at large.

AND whereas it will be just and equitable, in case any Town shall be so lost to a Sense of Duty, and Regard for the public Welfare, as not to make sufficient Provision for furnishing the said Beef, or Money in Lieu thereof; as aforesaid, and by such Neglect shall cause any of their Inhabitants to have their Cattle distrained from them as aforesaid; that such Inhabitants should have full Compensation for all Damages occasioned thereby, from the other delinquent Inhabitants of such Town:

B E it therefore further Enacted, That any Person, having any of his Cattle distrained from him, in Pursuance of this Act, by the Sheriff as aforesaid, shall be entitled to have and recover against the Town to which he shall belong the full Value of all the Cattle taken from him as aforesaid, together with all lawful Costs, and such other Damages as shall be deemed just and reasonable by the Court before which the same shall be recovered: That the same be sued for and recovered by an Action to be commenced against the Town-Treasurer of such Town at a Special Court, to be called in the same Manner as Special Courts are now by Law directed to be called; and that on Judgment being recovered Execution issue against such Town-Treasurer, and be returnable within Fifteen Days from the Time of issuing the same.

A N D it is Enacted, That the said *William Rhodes* give Bonds to the General-Treasurer in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* Lawful Silver Money, with two Sureties, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in him.

A N D

AND it is Ordered, That this Act be printed, and that a Copy thereof be transmittted, as soon as may be, by the Secretary, to each of the Town-Clerks in this State; who on Receipt thereof are hereby required and directed immediately to issue Warrants, calling Town-Meetings in their respective Towns, in order that the Freemen of the respective Towns may take such Measures as shall be necessary for carrying the aforesaid Act into Execution.



WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Thurston*, Wife of *Edward Thurston*, late of *Newport*, Merchant, now residing at *New-York*, preferred a Petition, *M. Thurston* and represented unto this Assembly, that her said Husband hath repeatedly requested her to send to him at *New-York* her Son, *Edward Thurston*, the Younger, in order to have him educated under his own Inspection; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant Liberty to her said Son, *Edward Thurston*, to go to *New-York* in the first Flag: *Petition of M. Thurston granted.*

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is granted; and that the said *Edward Thurston*, jun. be permitted to go to *New-York*, in the first Flag, under the Direction of *Christopher Ellery*, Esq;

WHEREAS Mrs. *Hannah Headly*, the Representative of *Peleg Headly*, *H. Headly* al- of *Portsmouth*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged *lowed £ 4* against the State by the said *Peleg Headly*, for keeping Eighty Head of *10 s.* Cattle in the Year 1776: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Hannah Headly* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *B. Waite* al- *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged *lowed £ 3* against the State, for apprehending *George Popple*, by Order of the *6 s.* General Assembly, and going Express with the Proclamations for a public Thanksgiving: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Beriah Waite* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Clark Albro*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *C. Albro* al- *Washington*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged *lowed £ 1* against the State, for boarding several Prisoners, committed at the *9 s. 10 1/2.* Suit of the State: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Nine Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Clark Albro* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Sheldon*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *C. Sheldon* al- *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly two Accounts, by him charged *lowed £ 13* against the State, for boarding several Deserters from the Army, and *12 s. 8 d.* Prisoners

Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eightpence* Silver Money be allowed and paid the said *Caleb Sheldon* out of the General-Treasury, in full for the said Accounts.

Sheriff to board the State-House Windows in *Newport*. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed, to appropriate the Boards belonging to a Shed erected near the House late *George Rome's*, in *Newport*, and now belonging to this State, to boarding up the Windows of the State-House in *Newport*.

W. Young to be sent from this State. WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that a certain *William Young*, a Follower of the *French Army* late at *Newport*, was apprehended and confined by the General of that Army, upon Suspicion of having carried on a treasonable Correspondence with the Enemy, and was left and now is in the Gaol in the County of *Newport*:

AND whereas the said *William Young* is not a Citizen of the United States, and it is dangerous to the public Safety that he should be at large therein: Wherefore, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed to procure a Passage on board some Vessel bound to any Place not within the United States, and that the said *William Young* be put on board the same, and depart therein, not again to return to this State: And in case the said *William Young* shall return within this State, the Sheriff of either of the Counties is directed immediately to apprehend and confine him in either of the Gaols within the same, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Petition of *R. Barber* referred. WHEREAS Mr. *Reynolds Barber*, of *Exeter*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was applied to by a delinquent Class in the said Town, whereof *Michael Dawley* was Head, to procure a Recruit for the Three Years Service, which he did for *Three Hundred Silver Dollars*; and that although the said Class was assessed the said Sum, he hath not been paid the Money by him advanced: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him Relief in the Premises:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session of this Assembly, then to be heard.

D. Owen allowed £ 1 11 s. WHEREAS *Daniel Owen*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Time, Expences, &c. in driving Beef to *Providence* in the Year 1780, for the Use of the Troops: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Eleven Shillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Owen* out of the General-Treasury.

C. Ellery to draw Provisions. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; Commissary of Prisoners in this State, have an Order on *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; A.D.Q.M.G. for Three Barrels of Beef; and likewise an Order upon *William Channing*, Esq; for Bread, to supply the Prisoners of War under his Care.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Troops doing Duty on *Rhode-Island*, under the Command of Capt. *Henry Dayton*, are entitled to draw One Hundred and Five Rations of Provisions per Day, which will in Four Months, *to wit*, from the First Day of *December* to the First Day of *April*, amount to Nineteen Thousand and Fifty-seven Pounds and an Half Weight of Beef, Nineteen Thousand and Fifty-seven Pounds and an Half Weight of Meal, Four Hundred Bushels of Potatoes, One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Weight of Soap, One Hundred and Eight Pounds Weight of Candles, and Sixty-five Cords of Wood: In order that the said Articles may be furnished in a Manner the most reasonable for the State, and most certain and convenient for the Troops, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Troops be supplied with One Half of the Beef salted, and the other Half fresh: That the same be delivered to Lieut. *James Miller*, of the said Corps, by him to be issued to the said Troops; who shall be allowed an extra Pay of *Three Pounds* Silver Money per Month for that Service: That the necessary Quantity of fresh Beef be furnished to the said *James Miller* by Col. *John Topham*, who is to receive Beef for this Purpose from the several Towns in the County of *Newport*, pursuant to an Act passed at this Session: That the salted Beef be furnished by the Assistant Quarter Master General: That the said Meal and Potatoes be procured by *William Channing*, Esq; from the Rents of the State Farms, and delivered to the said *James Miller*, from Time to Time, as the same shall be wanted: That the said Candles and Soap be furnished by *John Jenckes*, Esq; out of the Tallow belonging to this State in his Possession: That the Assistant Quarter-Master General procure and deliver to the said *James Miller* the aforesaid Quantity of Wood, as the same shall be wanted; and that the said *James Miller* keep an exact Account of all his Proceedings in Consequence of this Act, and lay the same before this Assembly, when he shall have finished the said Business.

Troops to be furnished with Provisions, &c.

WHEREAS Capt. *Thomas Arnold*, of the Corps of Invalids, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he hath always drawn his Rations of Provisions, during the Time that a Continental Officer commanded the Troops in this State, but that now he is under the Necessity of applying to this Assembly therefor: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to order that he may receive the Rations due to him until the First Day of *April* next, at which Time he is ordered to join his Regiment:

Petition of *T. Arnold* granted.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Richard Fry*, Esq; deliver out of the Provisions which he hath in his Possession, belonging unto this State, unto the said *Thomas Arnold*, Five Hundred and Eighty-eight Rations of Provisions, being Two Rations a Day from and including the Tenth Day of *June*, A. D. 1781, up to the said First Day of *April*, A. D. 1782, when he is to join his Corps.

WHEREAS Mr. *David Giffard* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for the Ferriages of a Number of Horses in *August*, 1780, by Order of the Commissary-General of Purchases: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being One Pound Six Shillings Silver Money,

D. Giffard allowed £ 1 6s.

be allowed and paid the said *David Giffard* out of the General-Treasury.

S. Gardner allowed £ 12 18 s. UPON the Account of *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, for the Maintenance of a sick Soldier belonging to Col. *Greene's* Regiment, the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, to settle the aforelaid Account of *Sylvester Gardner*, do report, that there is due to the said *Sylvester Gardner* the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Skillings* Silver Money. Which is submitted by your humble Servants,

STEPHEN POTTER,
THOMAS HOLDEN.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : And that the Amount of the said Account, being *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Skillings* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Sylvester Gardner* out of the General-Treasury.

W. Arnold allowed £ 30. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; he and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* Silver Money, towards paying the Charter-Party of the Sloop *Rover*; and that he lay his Accounts before this Assembly at the next Session.

Sheriff to sell Cheefe. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be and he is hereby directed to sell all the Cheefe in his Possession, belonging to this State, at public Auction, and pay the Money arising therefrom into the General-Treasury.

S. Stanton allowed £ 2 5 s. S. *Greenman* £ 1 16 s. and *J. Hopkins* £ 3 4 s. WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

THE Subscriber, being appointed to examine the Accounts and Vouchers of divers Persons, who purchased Blankets and Stockings, and delivered them to the Agent-Clothier, reports as follows, *to wit* :

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| 1780. } That there is due to <i>Samuel Stanton</i> , of <i>Richmond</i> , | £ 2 | 5 | 0 |
| July. } Ditto to <i>Silas Greenman</i> , of <i>Westerly</i> , | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| August. } Ditto to <i>Jonathan Hopkins</i> , of <i>Scituate</i> , | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Dec. 20. } | | | |
| | £ 7 | 5 | 0 |

JOSEPH STANTON, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : And that each respective Person therein named be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the Sum affixed against his Name.

B. Waite allowed £ 1 4 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Beriab Waite*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Washington*, be allowed and paid the Sum of *One*

One Pound Four Shillings Silver Money out of the General-Treasury, for his Attendance upon the Justices of the Superior Court in March last, when they were examining Persons concerned in illicit Trade, &c. as appears by a Certificate from Edward Perry, Esq; Clerk of said Court.

It is Voted and Resolved, That William Rhodes, Esq; he and he is *W. Rhodes* al- hereby empowered to receive the Sum of Fifty Pounds Silver Money lowed £ 50. out of the General-Treasury, to defray his Expences in driving Cattle to the Continental Army: And that he account for the same.

WHEREAS Hopkins Cooke, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary, and for Paper furnished by him: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Four Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Hopkins Cooke out of the General-Treasury *H. Cooke al- lowed £ 4 7 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS Rouse J. Helme, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance at the present Session as Clerk of the House of Deputies: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings Silver Money be allowed and paid the said Rouse J. Helme out of the General-Treasury. *R. J. Helme allowed £ 4 16 s.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Kent forthwith take Possession of such Part of the Goods which were saved from the Prize Ship Mars, which was stranded upon Block-Island, as will be sufficient to pay the Account of Ichabod Smith, for keeping Dennis Byrne, and his Woman Servant, in Prison, who were taken in the said Ship: And that he sell the said Goods at public Vendue, within Twenty Days after seizing the same, unless the Owners or Captors discharge the said Debt. *Sheriff of Kent to take Possession of Goods from the Ship Mars.*

WHEREAS Thomas Rumrell, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon the last and present Session of this Assembly, as Auditor: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Four Pounds Seven Shillings Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Thomas Rumrell out of the General-Treasury. *T. Rumrell allowed £ 4 7 s.*

WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Spencer exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, and cutting Wood, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being Two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said Thomas Spencer out of the General-Treasury. *T. Spencer al- lowed £ 2 18 s. 6 d.*

WHEREAS Mr. Abraham Greene exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c. Which being duly considered, *A. Greene al- lowed £ 2 6 s. 6 d.*

considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Abraham Greene* out of the General-Treasury.

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ed £ 1 17 s.
4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Micab Whitmarsh*, a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence* Silver Money, be allowed and paid the said *Micab Whitmarsh* out of the General-Treasury.

Adjourn-
ment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the last *Monday* in *January* next, then to convene at *Providence*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Wardlaw

